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EVENT BOOST FOR TOWN ECONOMY

Report by Sue Austin

OSWESTRY Show organisers have told of their delight after securing a new festival for next year that will bring thousands of pounds into the town's economy.

As committee members prepare to open the gates on this year's annual show, the team has also revealed an international showjumping event will take place at the Park Hall Showground in 2018.

Scope Festival, which comes with £150,000 in prize money, will be held from August 20 to 26 after agreeing to move from its traditional venue in Staffordshire.

Show president Steve Mosford said the event was a major coup for the Oswestry and District Agricultural Society.

Nigel Whittingham

"We are expecting hundreds of competitors at the event over the week from across the UK and further afield," he said.

"They will be staying in the area, eating at local restaurants and cafes, shopping locally and putting fuel in their vehicles. It all brings money into the Oswestry economy."

Meanwhile, Saturday's Oswestry Show is expected to attract more than 15,000 visitors with a full day of entertainment.

Mr Mosford, who has worked as veterinary surgeon in the area for 35 years, added: "It is a really big day out for visitors. We are a traditional show where people can see the magnificent farm animals and discover where their food comes from.

"Agriculture is hugely important to the economy of the area from farms to the companies that supply those farms.

"Oswestry continues to have a vibrant economy and it is still noticeable that on market day, which both the livestock market and retail market are on, that the town is busy."

This year's main ring attractions include a field gun display, echoing the previous history of Park Hall, a former army camp.

There will also be a display by the Company of Horsemen, which puts on a spectacular jousting tournament.

Show chairman Nigel Whittingham said the show could only go ahead because of the band of volunteers who gave up their time to help.

Tickets are available on line, www.oswestryshow.co.uk, from the show office at Park Hall or from a range of outlets in and around Oswestry.

Retiring rambler Ron ready to hand the over reins

Ron Bond, who has been maintaining footpaths and stiles for 25 years, will still take his secateurs out when he goes walking despite retiring

RAMBLING Ron Bond has spent a lifetime keeping footpaths open.

The 83 year old has campaigned for better access to the countryside, physically cleared the routes and organised working parties to tackle overgrown rights-of-way.

But he has now decided to pass the job on to the next generation, although he will still be stepping out on the more low-lying footpaths around Oswestry. Mr Bond, from Queens Road, is also about to publish his fourth book in a popular series of Ron's Rambles. The books chart walks in the Oswestry and borders area, with one aimed at families.

His efforts to clear and campaign for Shropshire's footpaths were recognised four years ago when Shropshire Council's Countryside Access Team presented him with a long service award for more than 21 years service as a volunteer. During his time in the county he has led walks for the Oswestry Ramblers. Further afield, Mr Bond's expertise saw him taken on by an international walking specialist company to lead walks across Europe.

"A few years ago I decided it was time I stopped doing the high walks and now I have had to stop leading medium walks, my joints will not allow it," he said. I am handing over the reigns but that is not to say that I will stop carrying secateurs when I am on a walk."

TRIBUTE

Family 'utterly devastated' as body is identified

DEVASTATED parents have paid tribute to their teenage son after his body was found in the River Wye.

James Corfield, 19, from Montgomery, went missing while on a night out in Builth Wells, where he was attending the Royal Welsh Show.

James Corfield

His body was found in a deep pool by the river by a search and rescue team on Sunday. His family said he had been to the show every year of his life and revealed he had recently been named a Shropshire cricketer of the year.

A Dyfed-Powys Police spokesman confirmed the body had been identified as James.

In a tribute to their son, James' parents said: "James was very much a farming family guy – farming was his life and he loved his animals with a passion.

"A visit to the Royal Welsh Show was a real highlight for him.We will miss James with all our hearts and are utterly devastated. We are very grateful to all the volunteers who helped with the search and for all the messages of support, but we ask now to be left in privacy."

COMMUNITY

Car boot for centre's £10k funding drive

EFFORTS to keep a community hub running will continue with a fundraising car boot sale this weekend.

The event in aid of St Martins Centre, in Oswestry, will be held on Saturday on the field behind Stan's Superstore, 9am to 1pm. Pitches cost £5 per car or £7 per van or trailer. Refreshments will also be available. The centre needs to raise £10,000 for refurbishment work.

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School submits plans for £1m theatre development

Report by Aimee Jones

AN independent school has submitted plans to build a million pound theatre in their grounds on the Shropshire border.

Bosses at Moreton Hall girls' school, near Oswestry, have submitted a planning application to Shropshire Council and hope to see the first curtain go up in 2019.

The idea for a 300-seat community theatre was born when benefactors Bill and Julie Holroyd saw the positive benefits of drama through their own daughter's education.

Mr Holroyd said: "I feel the girls of Moreton Hall can successfully lead a campaign that will add to their experience – but most importantly, result in a place for the community to come together and learn about, participate in and enjoy all that the arts have to offer.

"I look forward to being in the audience when the doors open."

The plans by Tim Ronalds Architects, the company who designed the Hackney Empire, are estimated to cost just under £1 million.

So far more than £900,000 has been raised including a pledge from Old Moretonian Sheila Reid, who is best-known for her performance as Madge Harvey in ITV's sitcom Benidorm.

Headmaster Jonathan Forster said: "It is now up to the enterprising and community spirit in and around Moreton Hall to see this plan come to fruition.

"The aim is for the current students to follow in the footsteps of the girls who, in the 80s and 90s, were successful in their efforts to open Gobowen Railway Station."

If successful, the box office, catering, designing and producing would be run by the students as part of Moreton Enterprises, the school added.

The centre, which would comprise a theatre, foyer, toilets and backstage area, has received the backing of local schools and drama groups who would be able to use the facilities at Moreton.

A decision is expected from Shropshire Council by September 7.

New £17k play equipment unveiled at park

Children from Gobowen Primary School celebrated the launch of the equipment with representatives from various community groups

NEW play equipment costing £17,000 has been unveiled at Gobowen Playing Fields after the local parish council secured funding.

The money came from grants from the Big Lottery, Three Parishes Big Local, The Hilton Jones Trust and Gobowen Youth Partnership.

Included in the grant from The Three Parishes Big Local was additional funding for a community event which enabled the parish council to put on a launch event and engage local people.

More than 100 children from Gobowen Primary School attended the launch event with around 40 parents which included an ice cream van with free treats, inflatable games and activities run by The New Saints Football Club as well as the opportunity for children to spend the morning playing on the wide range of equipment on the playing field.

Lucy Luke, headteacher at Gobowen Primary School, said: "We are proud to be part of this community and are very grateful to the parish council for their continued support of our young people."

"This event is a wonderful way for everyone to celebrate these new facilities".

At the event, Three Parishes Big Local chairman, Nick Heard, said: "It was lovely to see so many children and their families enjoying themselves outdoors."

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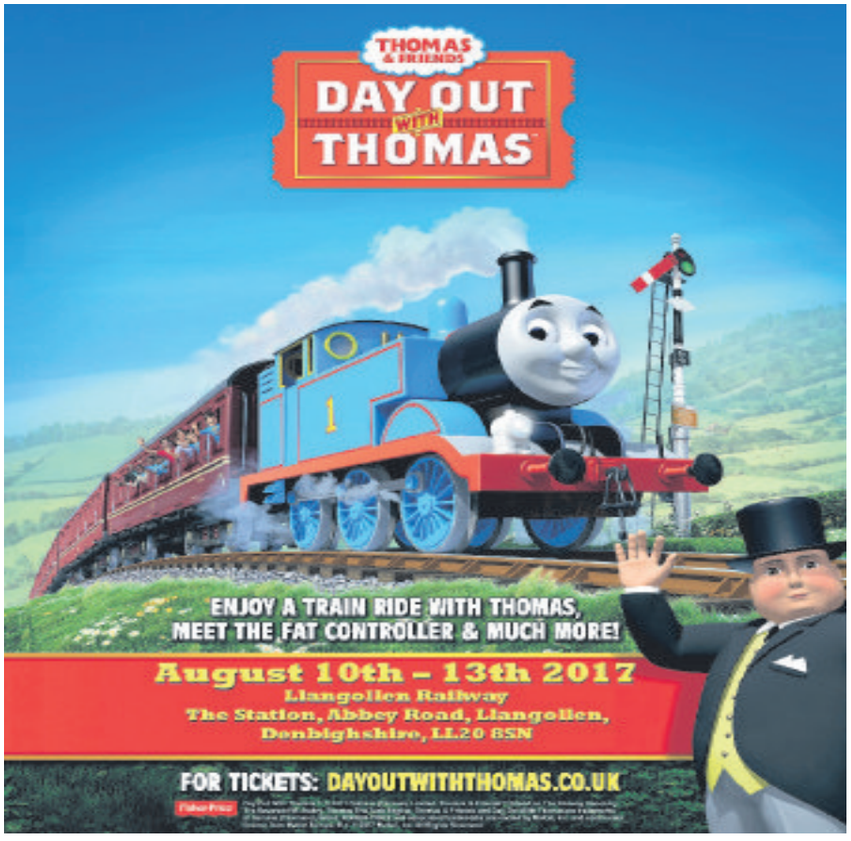

Housing plot is up for sale for £850,000

A PIECE of land with planning permission for more than 20 homes is on the market for £850,000.

The section of land is at the top of Red Bank in Welshpool and has been part of the local development plan for over 20 years in the town.

Planning permission has previously been granted for 24 four bedroom houses to be built.

The land is next to Brynfa Avenue and is behind the recently constructed Burgess Close, which was built at a cost of £5.6 million for 45 properties three years ago.

The field is on the market for £850,000 with Harry Ray and Co, and is owned by the Burgess Land Trust, which is run by the town council.

Town Clerk Robert Robinson said: "It isn't really anything new, we've had permission on this land for years and now we have decided to put it on the market.

"We've already sold four plots near the site where construction is soon to start.

"This is allocated under the local development plan and isn't the only one, there are a host of plots owned by the Burgess Land Trust within the town."

Mr Robinson said there is a common misconception in Welshpool that the Burgress Land Trust money is to be used for the people of Welshpool, however that is not the case.

It was set up by an Act of Parliament in 1761 to maintain all the council and public buildings within the town.

When that objective has been met, then the money will go to help projects and people in the town.

Harry Ray & Co said: "This elevated site commands exceptional views of the surrounding countryside and is accessed directly off Brynfa Avenue.

"This is the only site in Welshpool with detailed planning consent and the selling agents are pleased to report there is a good demand for housing in this area."

Amy's treadmill world record bid is dashed

Report by Sue Austin

MARATHON world-record holder Amy Hughes has been told her latest challenge, running the most miles on a treadmill in seven days, will not be recognised by Guinness World Records.

She said she was "devastated" that the challenge will not count.

The 29-year-old from West Felton near Oswestry took to a treadmill in the Trafford Centre in Manchester last September and over seven days ran 20 hours a day to clock up 520 miles, three more than the current Treadmill Challenge World Record.

She raised thousands of pounds for the 53 Foundation to help people with disabilities keep active. In the summer of 2014 she set her first record of the most marathons in consecutive days, 53 in 53 days around Britain.

She said: "I'm devastated, heartbroken and so, so angry. After seven days of ultimate hell, pain and complete exhaustion and then 10 months of waiting Guinness World Records have declined my world record attempt. With 24 hours live footage, videos recording all the key milestones asked for, thousands of witnesses in a public environment, an hourly log of mileage, breaks and sleep time – it's still not enough."

Guinness World Records has told Amy that the record will not count because it was not independently validated as it was her boyfriend, Dave Keighley that logged the challenge.

Mr Keighley said others could not have afforded to take a week out to record the running. "However one of the sponsors, Millet Sports, had a 24-hour web cam on the whole time," he said.

A spokesman for Guinness World Records said: "All records come with a set of rules that have to be adhered. Unfortunately, the witness recording the majority of Amy's progress was not independent of her, meaning we were unable to ratify the attempt as this is an infringement of a core policy for record validation."

Amy, right, on her treadmill challenge in the Trafford Centre in Manchester, with supporter Kelly Clarke

College set to host guidance events

FOUR North Shropshire College campuses will be holding an advice and guidance event open to everyone considering enrolling on a full, part-time or leisure course this September.

The Oswestry, Aspire, Shipley and Walford campuses will be open on August 30 from 4pm to 8pm, where the college's lecturing staff will be on hand to discuss qualifications and options open to school leavers and adults.

As well as lecturing staff, there will be staff from the college's student services department available to discuss travel and financial support options available. It is not too late to apply for courses starting this September.

The college offers a vast range of part-time courses such as access to HE, accountancy, British sign language, teacher training, floristry, dog handling and language.

Full-time courses range from agriculture and engineering to photography, science, catering and construction.

There is a diverse range of leisure courses starting this September including beginners dressmaking, Spanish, yoga and beginners IT.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Police appeal on damage to shop

POLICE are investigating a spate of criminal damage to shops and takeaways in Oswestry town centre.

The glass door of a fast food outlet in Oswald Road, was smashed between 1am and 6am on July 15.

The culprits did not go into the building.

Similar incidents have taken place in the area during the last two months.

Officers are also investigating an arson attack in the village of Maesbury Marsh.

A fire is believed to have been started maliciously in the garden of a vacant property between 2pm to 3.30pm on July 15.

Castle to host an evening of opera

MID Wales Opera is planning an evening filled with musical surprises in the magnificent gardens of Powis Castle on August 12.

Visitors will have the chance to experience the spectacular gardens in an exclusive night-time opening as well as enjoying musical performances spread through the castle grounds.

Visitors can take a picnic and enjoy a glass of bubbly as part of the ticket price before enjoying a series of musical treats including performances by tenor Rhodri Prys Jones and soprano Lucy Mellors and award winning harpist Gwenllian Llyr.

Break-ins lead to crime warning

HOUSEHOLDERS and businesses are being warned to be vigilant after a series of break-ins.

Between 7pm to 8.30pm on July 23, the door at a house in Station Road, Whittington, was forced open but no thefts were reported.

Overnight on July 21 into July 22, an attempt was made to break into a house in Weston Road, Morda, Oswestry.

Just before 1am on July 22, doors to a public house in Shrewsbury Road, Oswestry, were forced open but there was no evidence of entry.

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Ffion Rudman

Delight as sports blade helps Ffion

A SIX-year-old girl who had part of her leg amputated is able to run again after she was surprised with a sports blade.

Ffion Rudman, from Llansantffraid, was aged just four when she had to have the lower part of her leg amputated after contracting sepsis.

Her mother Helen read a story in the Shropshire Star about Macey Hand, from Bridgnorth, who was one of the first children in the country to get a running blade. She then got in contact with Macey's parents. She said: "We met up and they said we could get a blade on the NHS. But because we are two miles across the border into Wales we weren't able to get funding as it only covers England."

At Ffion's next hospital appointment to get re-fitted for a standard plastic leg, Mrs Rudman asked doctors about getting a blade for her daughter but was told it is unlikely.

She continued: "When we went back to get the leg I thought it would just be a standard one. I don't know how they did it but they'd got Ffion a sporting blade.

"It's made such a difference to her life."

Railway's war fallen to be remembered at service

Report by Aimee Jones

FALLEN soldiers from the Cambrian Railway are to be remembered at a ceremony in Oswestry.

'Cambrian at War' is the latest in a series of events centred on an exhibition at Oswestry Station marking the Great War.

More than 500 employees of the railway company signed up to fight, but 53 did not return.

At midday on August 19, a service will be held at Oswestry Station to remember the Cambrian men who died.

Reverend John Chesworth will lead the short service and music will be provided by the Oswestry Wild Singers.

Spokesman David Owen said: "Since 2014 we have remembered the centenary of each man named on the Cambrian Railways memorial by lighting a period lamp and laying a ceramic poppy made by students of North Shropshire College on, or near, the anniversary of his death.

"In addition we hold a public event each August remembering all those who fell during the year when a special guest lights the lamp and lays the poppies.

"This year former Mayor of Oswestry, Councillor Paul Milner, has kindly agreed to take part."

The station will be open from 11am to 3pm.

There will be a display of World War Two uniforms, memorabilia and models, as well as a display from the Welsh Guards Museum.

The steam locomotive will be in operation, and the museum and Buffers restaurant will be open.

Admission is free of charge.

Bikes and tools stolen in theft

POWER tools and five cycles were stolen when thieves broke into a house in Weston Lane on the edge of Oswestry.

The burglary happened between June 29 and July 15.

Police in Oswestry are also investigating a burglary at Holy Trinity School in Middleton Road between 8pm and 9pm on July 16 when a storage cupboard was raided. Two males were seen climbing onto the building.

The theft of a credit card from a care home in Oswestry is also being investigation. A substantial sum of money was withdrawn from the account by an offender using the card locally. The loss was reported on July 15.

Other thefts in the area include a heavy, handmade, three person wooden seat stolen from a garden in Perry Road, Gobowen, sometime between July 9 to July 13.

Garden hosts popular event

Lady Linlithgow and head gardener Andrea Atherton in the gardens of Bryngwyn Hall

THE annual Bryngwyn Hall summer fair has taken place

The event was hosted by Lady Linlithgow at her home in Llanfyllin.

There were 40 exhibitors in total selling everything from food and drink to wooden sculptures and fashion.

Head gardener Andrea Atherton was on hand to show visitors around the nine-acre estate which feature's Wales's only poison garden. Visitors admired snowdrops and daffodils, azaleas, magnolias and rhododendrons, herbaceous borders and a rose garden. Members of Bwlch-y-Cibau Women's Institute served tea in aid of Christchurch, Bwlch-y-Cibau and WI funds.

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Midwives recruited to boost county's maternity services

Report by Amy Downward

MORE midwives have been recruited to work at Shropshire's maternity services.

A total of six have been appointed to work across the service. More senior midwives have been recruited to work in the delivery suite at Princess Royal Hospital in Telford.

Last month, the board of Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust (SaTH) agreed to temporarily suspend inpatient services at Midwife-Led Units (MLUs) in Oswestry, Bridgnorth and Ludlow for between three and six months from July 1.

The maternity service has faced a combination of short-term and long-term sickness in recent months. A significant fall in the number of midwives prepared to work overtime or temporary bank shifts to cover for colleagues at times of sickness has also stretched staffing levels.

The trust is in the process of interviewing more midwives this month. Simon Wright, chief executive of SaTH said: "We are currently consulting with the public about the future of maternity services.

"We are listening to concerns and take all of those on board. We then want to start offering solutions that will give patients centred care. But I want to emphasise our MLUs are open for some services. We are invested in providing community solutions so we continue to want to do that.

"What is important to us is we are staffing our services around the need of the mum and baby – not bricks and mortar.

"We are still seeing a lot of mums wanting to come to the consultant-led unit and that is a national trend.

"But it is important once we have got our strategy on how our care will look going forward we really need to promote the community offers.

"There is no doubt at all we will always want to have a rural solution. We need to make sure that solution will provide the safest and best possible care."

The temporary closure of the unit at Oswestry, which is based at Oswestry Orthopaedic Hospital, and worries about its long term future led to a recent protest and march from health campaigners. The campaigners walked from Oswestry to the orthopaedic hospital as part of the protest.

Energy poles 'will work with farms'

WOODEN poles which form part of an £18 million power line scheme will work alongside farming, officials have said.

Bosses from SP Energy Networks recently held a meeting to consult on the new 132,000-volt overhead power line scheme which will run across North Shropshire.

The firm wants to develop a wooden pole overhead line between Oswestry and Wem, which it says will support local growth and future development in the region.

Representatives of the company spoke to residents about how the wooden poles would fit in to the landscape and how they would be able to work alongside farming activities.

A spokesman for SP Energy Networks said: "Following the publication of the latest project newsletter, some residents in the Noneley area requested to meet with the project team to discuss our proposals.

"We were happy to do so and discussed topics such as how the wooden poles would fit in to the landscape and how we would be able to work alongside farming activities.

"The meetings were positive and beneficial for our team and hopefully for residents as well. The feedback will further help our plans ahead of consultations later this year."

Rotarians help with garden

Members of Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club have helped a young disabled man

VOLUNTEERS stepped in to help a young disabled man by tackling his garden.

Taking up the Rotary Club International's presidential theme, Make a Difference, members of the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club's community project trimmed overgrown hedges and the out of control garden to get it to where the young man can now look after it himself.

The club was contacted by STAR Housing to see if members could help.

Samantha Pugh from Shropshire Towns and Rural Housing said: "Oswestry Cambrian Rotary Club were instrumental in assisting STAR Housing and our disabled tenant in tackling their substantially overgrown garden. We are very grateful for the work carried out by the Oswestry Cambrian Rotary which, due to the extent of the work, will now allow the future maintenance of the area to be completed through our assisted gardening scheme."

New club president Ian Slipper said: "This is a great example of what rotary does in the community where a little time and work by a few people can make a difference to one person's life." Any tenants of STAR Housing who want to gain further information about help with their gardens including accessing the assisted gardening scheme can contact the neighbourhood housing team on (01691) 677336.

BREEZE ABOUT TOWN

A big round of applause is due to those who helped get Welshpool's "Anti-Litter Campaign" off the ground at the weekend in a bid to tackle the issue which is affecting towns across the country.

The Town Council has formed the group of litter fighters as a back-up to the town's Street Scene team after taking over the service from Powys County Council in the bid to keep Welshpool an inviting town to visit.

The team reported that around 95 per cent of the problem was booze, cigarette and fast food related which will really come as no surprise to anyone.I fear the Welshpool team and other like-minded groups in Britain are fighting a losing battle unless education programmes are put back in place teaching the rights and wrongs of disposing of litter on our towns and villages.

Only this week I came across a whole bundle of boxes and bags from a McDonald's takeaway. No surprise there you would think – but the litter was a good 20 miles away from the nearest fast food chain outlet. And how many times have we witnessed rubbish simply thrown out of passing vehicles.

Somewhere down the line the Government has to tackle the disposable industry. Almost everything we buy in our supermarkets comes packed needlessly in throw-away plastics. Tackle the source of the problem first, improve education and we may find the issue becoming less of a problem.

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I've just added my name to a growing petition calling on Guinness World Records to reconsider a decision to deny Oswestry marathon world-record holder Amy Hughes another honour after she clocked up 520 miles in in seven days on a treadmill.

I have been a huge fan of Amy's achievements since she ran an amazing 53 marathons in 53 days back in 2014 and now share her disgust after she was told her latest challenge, running the most miles on a treadmill in seven days, will not be recognised by Guinness World Records. The record attempt took place in front of a crowd each day in Manchester as well as being streamed live, but verification was refused as one of the independent witnesses was her partner.

You can join me in backing Amy at change.org/p/guiness-world-recoward-amy-hughes-53marathons-her-rightful-place-in-the-guiness-world-recordsrds-a She is a local hero who deserves our support.

A swollen-thighed beetle. Photo by Stephen Barlow.

The BioBlitz was held at Old Oswestry Hillfort

Experts identify some specimens. Photo by Neil Phillips.

Natural wonders revealed during new hillfort survey

A BioBlitz survey on an Oswestry landmark was a huge success. SUE AUSTIN reports

OLD Oswestry was once the stronghold of the Celtic tribe known as the Cornovii, but recently a new band of citizens took command of its formidable ramparts for the day.

Naturalists and volunteers scaled the hillfort's lush slopes in beautiful sunshine on the hunt for wildlife as part of a landmark survey.

Specialists in moths, bats, birds, bees, beetles, spiders and small mammals came from all over Shropshire to take part in the BioBlitz. The aim was to take a snapshot of the hillfort's flora and fauna over 24 hours, most likely the first major ecological study in its 3,000 year history.

BioBlitzers young and old foraged carefully for specimens to identify and record, safely releasing collected fauna, including insects, moths and spiders, back on the ramparts.

The event was organised by Turnstone Ecology, the hillfort ecology consultant to English Heritage who supported the event in association with the Oswestry Heritage Gateway group. Funding came from The Charlotte Hartey Foundation and Three Parishes Big Local Partnership/Big Lottery, with volunteers from the Three Parishes Community Wildlife Group also participating. Children had the opportunity to make and paint a butterfly decoration in an activity led by Artists Hugging the Hillfort.

The findings will update and expand records compiled over the years by experts from the Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Shropshire Botanical Society which both supported the event. Data will also help guide on-going landscape maintenance to ensure it safeguards the hillfort's archaeological structures and thriving ecology.

Wildlife hunting was enjoyed by young and old. Photo by Diana Baur.

Clare Knight, the event organiser and an ecologist at Turnstone Ecology, said: "The BioBlitz was a huge success with many different and notable species recorded thanks to a fantastic range of local experts and volunteers kindly giving their time to support the event. We are still collating the data but we estimate between 400 and 500 species were recorded, which has far exceeded our expectations and is a brilliant result."

The last major investigations on Old Oswestry date back to 1939-1940 when Professor William Varley carried out archaeological excavations. Professor Varley unearthed Bronze Age, Iron Age and Roman finds, and there were plenty of exciting discoveries at the BioBlitz.

Over 400 species of flora or fauna were logged on the day, including an encouraging number not previously recorded. A highlight was a rare sighting of the larva of a Thistle Tortoise Beetle, thanks to the expert eye of Caroline Uff, Shropshire's County Recorder for terrestrial beetles. This resourceful creature uses droppings and debris to camouflage itself. Fortunately, the skilful lens of Whitchurch-based wildlife photographer, Stephen Barlow, was on hand to capture the moment. The photo has proved a big draw for bug lovers on Flickr, attracting over 70,000 views. Experts identified no less than 23 spider species, including 16 not listed in existing site data, and 23 beetle species, none of which had been recorded on the hillfort before. Volunteers also collected samples of diptera – small flies and mosquitos – which will add to the species list after analysis by the County Recorder.

Plant life is blooming with a healthy number of finds including Heath Milkwort, Slender St John's-wort and the rare Greater Broomrape. Newts, lizards, bees, butterflies, moths, and many more animals made an appearance.

Yellowhammer, Skylark and Linnet were spotted, bird species at risk in the UK though currently present on Old Oswestry. The ecology team was also encouraged by a sighting of a Meadow Pipit, another bird dwindling in number and thought to have all but disappeared from the hillfort.

With monitoring continuing into the night, experts identified six species of bat, including the Lesser Horseshoe and Leisler's bat. Specialist equipment was used to record them echo-locating – emitting high pitched sounds to help them navigate as they foraged over the hillfort. Neil Phillips of the Oswestry Heritage Gateway group said: "The BioBlitz was a real day of discovery and provided opportunities for children to get hands on collecting specimens, using microscopes and reference books to identify them, then enjoying the moment they could let them free again."

Old Oswestry is protected as both a heritage and wildlife site. In recognition of its national significance, it has been a Scheduled Monument since 1934 and is in the guardianship of English Heritage.

Anyone interested in future hillfort events or volunteering organised by the Oswestry Heritage Gateway should contact 01691 652918 or email ohgateway@gmail.com

WORKING FOR YOU

Last week, Defra Secretary of State, Michael Gove informed us that all new cars powered by petrol and diesel will be banned by 2040 – just 23 years away.

This timescale might not be precisely right, but what it does is establish the direction we are heading in. Actually, all it really does is tell us about the change that is already taking place.

Many usually well informed people have denounced the move away from conventionally powered cars as both unwise and unlikely to happen. To me this seems a 'Head in the sand' response. It's already happening – accelerating away. Diesel and petrol cars are on the way out.

It's not just the UK Government which sees an end to petrol and diesel cars. Two weeks ago, Emmanuel Macron, the new President of France made the same announcement. Norway is bringing in the change by 2025 – just eight years away. In 2013, there were 3,500 electric cars on our roads. Today it's over 100,000. Volvo has announced it will go all electric or hybrid by 2019. BMW has last week announced a new assembly line to build electric Minis in Oxford.

New models are being launched in the UK every month. Every car manufacturer is bringing out electric cars. We may well have reached the 'tipping point' already. Of course there are multiple challenges. Where will the electricity come from? At present we don't know where the new generation will come from. But last week, Britain's first 'floating' offshore wind turbine was launched – much earlier than we expected.

This, combined with developing battery storage technology, will transform generation from wind, without need to trash our landscapes. Storage technology will also transform prospects for solar. New nuclear will come on stream, hopefully through small modular reactors. Perhaps other power sources, such as hydrogen, will emerge over the next two decades - as well as energy sources we've not yet thought of. And of course there are not yet enough charging points to enable long journeys.

We know that, but an appropriate network will develop as demand grows. And anyway, the range of new electric cars is increasing rapidly.

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A: In cases where babies are born early, and prior to commencement of the mother's maternity leave, maternity leave officially starts the day after the baby is born. However, if a mother has been absent from work in the four week period leading up to her due birth date because of complications with her pregnancy, then maternity leave will commence from the date she finished work within that four week period. In your case, as you were off work for nine weeks before giving birth, your absence for the first five weeks should have been treated as sick leave.

A mother is entitled to 52 weeks' maternity leave, consisting of 26 weeks' ordinary maternity leave and 26 weeks' additional maternity leave. Unfortunately there is no provision within the law for further additional leave if a baby is born prematurely. If you have not already done so, you should notify your employers about the early delivery of your baby and provide them with the date on which she was born. This will enable them to recalculate your maternity leave end date. Once your employers have received notice of the early birth they have 28 days in which to respond with the new end date of your maternity leave.

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Bite bullet to maintain some credibility

RUTH Davidson, Scottish Conservative leader said 'some things are more important than party' and 'one of them is country'. Well thank the Lord someone had the common sense to notice that one.

The BBC is obsessed with the tenability of Mrs May, and Mrs May is concerned about staggering on with her old hat and somewhat jaundiced philosophy of how the country should be run, not how the electorate want the country to be run. The electorate gave you a hung parliament which can be considered in only two ways; either they don't like any of you, or they want you to work together – all of you, just like big boys and girl for the benefit of GB plc and uncomfortable as this may be you need to talk to Jeremy Corbyn, because like it or not he's more popular than you.

So cut out this unsavoury rather business of negotiating behind the scenes with the MPs of the DUP and do what Aunt Ruth asks and think of the country. Politics is a mucky business.

I realise that it may be preferable to stick pins in your eyes rather talk to Jezza, but you need to bite the bullet if you want to maintain any creditability whatsoever. He is not a demon, he has some good ideas and I would be willing to make a small wager he would not expect to get all his own way.

JOHN HARRISON
Whixall

Victorian cricketers pose for camera

This is an unknown Shropshire cricket team, probably pictured in Oswestry area as the photograph was by 'J. Maclardy' from Oswestry. Cricketer William Henry Griffiths, who went as Will Griffiths to his family, is back row, fourth from right, with moustache. The picture, which could date from the 1880s, comes from his great granddaughter Chrystabel Richardson, of Telford.

We are being manipulated over true crime figures

WE are told crime figures have gone through the roof, risen by 10 per cent in general. And, in particular, violent crime up by 18 per cent, robbery by 16 per cent and sex offences by 14 per cent.

Almost five million crimes have been reported in the last 12 months – the highest for eight years.

The last eight years have seen millions of European Union members move in with us under its ill-conceived, illogical and uncontrollable Free Movement legislation, which allows any of the 500 million EU members to move to whichever EU Member state they wish.

The problem is compounded by the lack of any checks regarding physical and mental health or criminal terrorist history – it is an open invitation for every crook in the other 27 member countries to make a new start and, logically, they will choose to move to one of the richer member states like Britain.

If you require evidence of this, just type 'List EU members in British jails' into an online search engine and be amazed at the number and variety of nationality.

These facts are available to all and I cannot understand why some budding journalist has not linked our mass immigration recently with the current crime wave – the two are not mentioned together in the broadsheet news, radio or TV or by any MP, and it is my opinion that our ruling elite have adopted the EU standard of democracy.

Dispense with it altogether and treat the electorate like the mugs they are, give them nothing and tell them even less.

We are being manipulated and lied to on a massive scale!

BOB WYDELL
Oswestry

Full steam ahead now for Mr Hunt to sell off our NHS

THANKS to the strong and stable leadership of Theresa May, despite current difficulties, she has been able to re-appoint Jeremy Hunt as Health Secretary.

So, no more whingeing from nurses just because their real wages reduce year on year; no more moaning from junior doctors, striking in defence of safety standards in hospitals; and no more complaints from student nurses, just because the bursary system is being replaced by student loans, thus ensuring they start their professional careers steeped in debt, like all other students.

Full steam ahead for Mr Hunt (surely his knighthood can't be too far off now) in his important task of softening up the NHS for sale to the American health insurance companies. Crippling deficits, departmental closures, growing waiting lists, crises in one or other parts of the NHS day after day, are all part of the agonising demise of the UK's greatest social achievement.

We'll miss it when it's gone.

DAVID ASKINS
Lightmoor

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It is disgusting to punish UK mums

IN Germany, Japan and Eire, mothers are rewarded for having large families, and given the support they deserve for providing the future generation.

Here in stark contrast, mums are punished, by having child benefit and tax credits limited to the first two children, unless they can prove they have had a baby resulting from rape, such as a court conviction or police evidence. What a disgusting way to treat those we should look to for providing children to carry on our world.

W F KERSWELL
Picklescott

Time has surely come to increase the voting age

A THERESA May supporter I am not, especially in view of the mistakes she made when Home Secretary and making decisions regarding abuse of children.

Her judgement has not improved.

In my opinion rarely do people enter politics for the benefit of others.

Even so I believe in democracy and treasure the memory of all those who died so that we might make the decision of who rules.

However, in view of this latest General Election I think the time has come when the voting age should be raised to an age just after people stop believing in Father Christmas.

When they suddenly realise that having a free passage through life only happens for the unfortunate few or the scoundrels who are happy to con the authorities about disability.

My estimate for that age would be somewhere around 34/38 years.

ADRIAN WILLIAMS
Bratton

We do need to put signs up

REGARDING signs at Gledrid – huge artics go to Weston Rhyn and some are crazy enough to keep mountain climbing to Selattyn, mostly foreigners looking for Kronospan. We ask for signs and the bureaucratic answer is 'can't afford them just now'.

They just spent millions on roundabouts, we just want a few quid for some big plain signs telling them how to get to Kronospan, which generates more traffic than all the villages put together. Many turn left trying to get into the service station, no entry. So they go to St Martins to do a U-turn, another big plain sign needed. Common sense we need, not bureaucracy.

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Club closes for final time

THE Royal British Legion social club in Chirk has closed its doors for the last time.

The once-popular club in the middle of the town has fallen victim to financial difficulties and a lack of numbers.

Although the social club has closed the British Legion branch has stressed that the branch was still continuing.

A spokesman for the charity said: "The club was a completely different, independent entity to the charity.

"Sadly falling membership and financial difficulties meant that the social club could not continue.

"However, Chirk continues to have a branch of the Royal British Legion charity."

Founder member of group passes away

A FOUNDING member of a railway heritage group has died.

Brian Rowe worked on the Cambrian Railways when he left school at the age of 15 to work in the Oswestry Signal Box before moving to become an engine cleaner, a pre-requisite to becoming a fireman on a locomotive.

Following his national service Mr Rowe became a fireman on the railway in London before returning to Oswestry where he worked until the line was closed in 1966.

He then became a welder and eventually a weld inspector and worked in Scotland, Russia and across the Middle East.

In 1988 he retired, returned to Oswestry and co-founded the Cambrian Railway Society. Mr Rowe's brother Tony, said: "He was very proud of his membership number, which was number one. The executive committee has decided to honour Brian by never issuing that number to anyone else again."

Visitors enjoy memorable Royal Welsh Show

Young farmers who have received grants from the Gareth Raw Rees Memorial Travel Scholarship

There were plenty of activities for youngsters to enjoy

Thrills and spills!

Report by Sue Austin

FAMILIES from the Oswestry and Welshpool areas were among tens of thousands of visitors to this year's Royal Welsh Show.

The show, held at Llanelwedd near Builth Wells, once again showcased the best of UK farming.

And once again there were plenty of activities and attractions to keep visitors of all ages entertained – as well as a few thrills and spills.

During the four-day show last week a stuntman was taken to hospital after falling off his quad bike, before returning 24 hours later.

Australian, Matt Coulter, known as the Kangaroo Kid, was performing in the main ring when he fell off the machine.

He did not suffer serious injuries but was taken to hospital in Swansea as a precaution.

He returned to the showground with his arm in a sling and gave supporters the thumbs-up.

It was one of the highlights of a busy show, which saw NFU Cymru team up with North Wales Police Rural Crime Team to launch a new rural crime manifesto, saying farmers should not be seen as soft targets.

The Combatting Rural Crime report features case studies that explore issues faced by farmers and their families throughout Wales and the UK.

Meanwhile, Owen Morris from Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant, near Oswestry, was one of two young farmers to be awarded a £600 award from the Gareth Raw Rees Memorial Travel Scholarship.

Eight more received smaller award with a total of £2,300 handed out by the management committee to scholars wishing to broaden their knowledge of agriculture, following a donation from the NFU Mutual Charitable Trust. Owen will use the fund for his travels to New Zealand where he will take part in a four-month study trip to learn more about how genetics and livestock management skills are making sheep enterprises more profitable.

The Kangaroo Kid gives the thumbs-up after his fall

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MP wants to hear about attacks on 999 staff

AN MP who is co-sponsoring a new parliamentary bill is calling on emergency staff to contact her if they have ever been attacked in the course of their duties.

Clwyd South's Labour MP, Susan Elan Jones is a co-sponsor of Rhondda MP Chris Bryant's Crime (Assaults on Emergency Staff) Bill.

The bill will make attacks on emergency workers such as police, fire and ambulance crews an aggravated offence.

In a bid to push the bill through, the MP wants local staff to contact her about their experiences of being attacked.

She said: "Although it's already an offence to attack a police officer in the course of their duties, there's widespread acknowledgement that few people get prosecuted and the sentences that are handed out are far too weak.

"Doctors, nurses and paramedics don't have additional legal protection at all which is dreadful when a survey last December showed hospital staff in Wales were physically attacked more than 18,000 times at work over the last five years.

"I invite any constituent who works in emergency services and who has ever been assaulted in the course of their duties to email me in confidence on susan.jones.mp@parliament.uk if they'd like me to speak in Parliament about what happened to them. No-one should be attacked when they're just doing their job – and the criminals who attack our emergency service personnel should have to face tougher sentences.

"I think it's high time our law did more to protect the people who work so hard in our emergency services."

Neighbour objects to centre's planning bid

Report by Aimee Jones

A MAN who lives next to the British Ironwork Centre near Oswestry has objected to a planning application lodged by the popular attraction.

The attraction has applied for retrospective planning permission after it was revealed the centre bypassed regulations as it became one of Shropshire's most successful venues.

The centre turned a warehouse into a showroom and constructed new toilets without the necessary permission. The new application includes changing the use of land and buildings, building extensions to form an enterprise centre, and creating visitor parking areas, camping field, nature reserve and children's play area.

The retrospective application has received hundreds of comments and message of support from visitors, charities, community groups and more who say the attraction is good for the town.

But a neighbour has now objected to the plans.

In a letter to Shropshire Council, Colin Coxon said: "The noise from the public address system can be heard clearly, word by word, from our garden.

"Secondly, at a recent musical event held at the centre, we were subjected to an intense and lengthy bombardment of high percussion fireworks which seemed to explode right above our property causing our animals to be terrified as well as waking us up.

"It felt like we were in a war zone."

Mr Coxon also raised concerns about cars exiting onto the B5009 road.

Chance to brush up skills at college

Jo Millington, head of English and maths, and Maxine Bellingham, English lecturer

NORTH Shropshire College will be holding free 'brush up your skills' workshops in maths and English at the Oswestry campus, starting in September.

These workshops are aimed at adults who would like to revisit maths and English skills in order to help with employment, to be able to help children with their school homework and for those who would like a refresh in these subjects.

These workshops will be available every day starting from September 11. The full list of days and times are available in the new adult brochure for September 2017. Jo Millington, head of maths and English, said: "These sessions are a great way for adults to learn in a friendly environment with support from excellent tutors.

"We recognise it can be daunting for people to return to education after some time away and we work hard to ensure there is a supportive atmosphere where individuals can progress at their own pace.

"I'd urge anyone interested to come along and find out more.'

For more information, or to inquire about functional skills and GCSE maths and English, contact info@nsc.ac.uk or call reception on (01691) 688000.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Churchyard given Green Flag award

ST Mary's Churchyard in Chirk has been awarded the Green Flag Community Award for its beautifully kept grounds.

A judge was greeted by the volunteers who keep the grounds and was impressed by the space which was open for everyone to enjoy.

The judge's report said: "It's a beautiful site, incredibly well cared for and managed by a group that is completely devoted to the site and the work. I will be advising other similar groups to visit the site and take ideas from the group."

The Green Flag Award scheme recognises and rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the United Kingdom.

New book scheme gaining support

POWYS Library Service has joined forces with Booktrust UK to help promote a three step bed-time reading programme for parents and carers called 'Bath, Book, Bed'.

The programme, which aims to help introduce young children to early reading while relaxing them into an easier sleeping routine, has also received support from Powys Teaching Health Board whose health visitors and nursery nurses work with new parents to support good parenting techniques from feeding to early language development.

Powys County Council portfolio holder for libraries, Councillor Rachel Powell, said: "Reading a story to a child before bed helps reinforce the feelings of comfort and security and builds positive attachments between care-givers and their child.

"This has long term benefits within a family relationship."

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Ground hit by rabbit problems

RABBITS are causing major problems at Welshpool's Maesydre Recreation Ground.

The home of Welshpool Town Football Club, which is owned by the town council, has had problems in the past but the rabbit problem was under control.

Now the animals are back and the town council is having to take action, bosses have said.

Damage has been caused to the pitches, and land between the car park and the bowling club.

Town Clerk Robert Robinson has said he will be preparing options and presenting costs at a future town council meeting.

Wetland area wins top award

A WETLAND area has won a Green Flag Award.

Keep Wales Tidy has unveiled this year's award winners, with 101 areas able to fly the flag to show they are managed to a high standard.

Judges said the Llanfyllin Wetland had excellent facilities.

And they praised volunteers for their commitment to delivering great quality green space.

Richard Kretchmer, chairman of the Cain Valley River Group, which maintains the wetland on behalf of Llanfyllin Town Council, said: "We all need beautiful spaces where we can take breaks in our busy lives.

"We feel really pleased when we see locals and visitors having a break at the picnic tables, taking time out on the benches around the boardwalk or sitting by the river."

Residents urged to enjoy stroll in the countryside

Report by Jonny Drury

RESIDENTS in Powys are being encouraged to venture out this summer and take a stroll along one of the county's most popular walks.

Powys County Council has produced a guide to The Ann Griffiths Walk.

The walk is popular with local people and visitors but for the first time walkers can find their way thanks to a guide produced by Powys County Council's countryside services team.

It follows a route through the peaceful woods and meadows alongside the River Vyrnwy between Pont Llogel and Pontrobert and is an ideal destination for the summer months. Named after the local 18th century hymn-writer Ann Griffiths, the seven-mile trail passes through countryside she would have walked and known.

It is a deeply rural part of Powys that can be explored on this walk, which also links the Pererindod Melangell and Glyndwr's Way trails. The guidebook also includes descriptions of two circular walks to help further exploration. The walk has only one significant hill and that is where it leaves the Vyrnwy valley to climb onto Dolanog Common, one of the best viewpoints in this part of Powys, where you can look east across into Shropshire and west to the Aran mountains.

Guidebooks are available from outlets on the route itself or by contacting (01597) 827500.

New school first for Fairtrade use

Youngsters are looking forward to promoting Fairtrade products

A NEW school will be the first in the UK to choose 100 per cent Fairtrade cotton school uniforms.

Welshpool Church in Wales Primary School has chosen to introduce uniforms sourced from ethical school clothing manufacturer, Koolskools, when it opens later this year.

Headteacher Justine Baldwin said: "I am delighted that our new school will be supporting Fairtrade in such a practical and comprehensive way, and that our governing body has been so supportive of this initiative.

"I hope that parents and carers will value the stance we are taking to show our pupils how important it is to have awareness of ethical trading and how our actions here in Wales can impact on others' lives across the world."

Powys County Council portfolio holder for schools, Councillor Myfanwy Alexander welcomed the move.

She said: "I commend the whole school community at Welshpool CIW for this laudable decision which demonstrates the school's values."

Dozens of vehicles are seized by police officers

NEARLY 40 vehicles were seized by Dyfed-Powys Police in one month since the force was given the legal authority to seize untaxed vehicles at the roadside.

In the first month of adopting devolved powers from the DVLA officers have seized dozens of cars.

The authority to seize untaxed vehicles has come from a collaborative arrangement with the DVLA for devolved powers under the Vehicle Excise Duty (Immobalisation, Removal and Disposal of Vehicles) Regulations 1997.

The powers came into effect on June 1, and have seen roads policing unit officers seize and remove 37 vehicles committing qualifying vehicle excise duty offences.

Dyfed-Powys Police's Business Support Unit Assistant Director Andrew Edwards said: "We are absolutely delighted to have the opportunity to assume and implement these devolved powers from the DVLA.

"It is an extremely positive example of collaborative working.

"These devolved powers will greatly assist in removing illegally driven vehicles from our roads.

"We are determined to keep our roads safe and will always take appropriate action, using the legal powers that are available to us, to ensure anyone who chooses to break the law is appropriately dealt with."

The new powers are currently being exercised by road policing unit officers, but will also be rolled out across the four divisions to other staff, police said.

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Annual event is enjoyed in the summer sunshine

Paul and Michelle Martin attended the function

Alex Laundy, Jane Noad and Claire Lloyd get together

Peter and Wendy Wilcox-Jones at the school's summer ball

Guests had a real ball!

Report by Aimee Jones

THE sun shone and a great time was had by all at an annual highlight in Oswestry School's social calendar.

The finale of the school's social year was held when the Friends of Oswestry School staged its summer ball.

This year's event was another huge success organisers have said.

The 340 tickets available for the event sold out in just under three hours.

This year's theme was Wimbledon.

And to follow that theme there was plenty of tennis related items on show for the guests to enjoy during the evening.

Guests enjoyed a marquee decorated with several tennis themed items.

These included umpire chairs, tennis rackets and a sea of Wimbledon 'green' carpet.

Just like other summer balls, the guests were treated to an evening of drinks, food and entertainment to ensure they all had a hugely enjoyable time in the summer sunshine.

The guests to the summer ball were welcomed with a glass of fizz or Pimms on arrival.

Everyone at the summer ball then enjoyed a sumptuous three course meal provided by the Wynnstay Hotel and Spa of Oswestry.

The meal was followed by an auction.

And then the guests enjoyed a night of partying and dancing with music provided by After Party.

Ella Harrison and Grace Duddy have a good time at the ball

Sioned Edwards and Alexander Sheers at the ball

This group of ladies enjoyed the sunshine at the summer ball

Julie Woodward, Sue Wynn and Ceri Wynn

Matt Wilton, Jo Wilton, Bev Cooper and Paul Cooper at the ball

NEWS IN BRIEF

New 999 scheme proves a success

A NEW scheme which has been piloted since last summer to help speed up ambulance response times is proving a success.

The government has announced approval for the Ambulance Response Programme which has been developed by clinicians over the last 18 months and bosses say is the most rigorously tested programme of its kind anywhere in the world. Under the new system, call-handlers in the 999 control rooms ask additional questions that can very quickly identify those patients who will be the highest priority.

West Midlands Ambulance Service has been one of three ambulance trusts piloting the new scheme and bosses say the benefits are already starting to show.

Drivers facing checks in villages

THE Safer Roads Partnership is currently carrying out speed enforcement in villages around Oswestry.

The team is concentrating on the Oswestry Rural North areas of Whittington, St Martins, Weston Rhyn and Gobowen.

The team are members of the West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police workforce and the partnership aims to influence road user behaviour and to make roads safer across the counties of Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, Shropshire and the Borough of Telford and Wrekin.

A spokesperson said: "Through an increased emphasis on local, regional and national partnership working and listening to the needs of our communities we will endeavour to achieve our shared outcome of reducing the number of people killed or seriously injured on our roads."

School bosses amend plans for new car park

Report by Aimee Jones

A SCHOOL has changed plans for a controversial car park earmarked for the site of a famous battle that gave Oswestry its name.

Oswestry School came under fire when it submitted plans in April to build a 42 bay car park on the Maes Y Llan site – thought to be where the battle between King Oswald and King Penda took place.

In response to the objections, bosses have now submitted an amended application to Shropshire Council. The new application proposes reducing the number of car parking spaces for the site to 27. A planning statement on behalf of Oswestry School said the plans would not impact on any site of historical importance.

It stated: "The school has undertaken surveys and regularly have 20 staff cars parked on the road due to existing car park facilities being full, either on Upper Brook Street or Maserfield.

"Given the general uncertainty about the exact location of the battle, and the limited ground disturbance the proposed development will cause, it is the view that the site has low-moderate archaeological potential."

Sport England has objected to the plans on the grounds that it could lead to the loss of use of a playing field.

Maggie Taylor from Sport England said: "It is stated that there is no loss of either winter or summer sports pitches however this would not appear to be entirely correct.

"The proposed car parking appears to impact the outfield of a junior cricket pitch."

Market serves up tasty new stall

Libby Gliksman is running a new cookshop enterprise in Shrewsbury

A SLICE of "Britain's Best Cookshop" has opened in Shrewsbury as the daughter of a Shropshire cookware dynasty launches a new boutique version of the business at the town's Market Hall.

Libby Gliksman has teamed up with her parents Yossi and Lorraine Gliksman, who run cookware paradise Upstairs Downstairs in Oswestry, to launch the Market Cookshop. Upstairs Downstairs, a popular destination for gourmands across the Midlands and Wales, was established in 1987 and was winner of "Britain's Best Cookshop" award in 2013.

"The Market Cookshop is a mini version of Upstairs Downstairs, selling quality cookware ranging from French casserole dishes, pots and pans to handcrafted products, glassware, wood-fired outdoor ovens and nifty kitchen gadgets," said Libby.

"Both my parents are really amazing cooks. I've learned from them and developed my own knowledge about food and cooking. I'm proud of what my parents have achieved and I wanted to bring a touch of Upstairs Downstairs to Shrewsbury. Cooking should be fun, experimental and enjoyable."

Integration after deal 'going well' says firm

SEVERN Trent said the integration of Dee Valley Water into the business is 'going well' following the company's £84 million takeover in February.

The Shropshire water supplier won the battle to take over the Mid and North Wales-based company earlier this year, and has now pointed to positive progress in the deal since then.

It came as the company delivered a trading update for the period from April 1 to July 19, in which it said it expects to meet investors' expectations for its financial performance.

It also raised the guidance for the performance of its business services division, following the sales of its North American operations for £48m. It said its guidance for the rest of its business services arm had been upgraded and: "We now expect growth in both revenue and profit before interest and tax in this segment, on a like-for-like basis." Meanwhile because of the opening up of retail competition in the industry this year, Severn Trent has forged a joint venture with fellow water giant United Utilities, called Water Plus, to handle all their business customers.

Severn Trent said: "It has strongly positioned itself in the new market, including winning a number of large multi-site customers such as Kwik-Fit and David Lloyd Leisure. Severn Trent has more than eight million customers across Central England and Wales, including in Shropshire.

Severn Trent is also looking at its plans for a 2019 price change, which its said "looks set to be a challenging review". "However, we are encouraged by the opportunities of higher financial returns for ambitious and innovative companies," Severn Trent added.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Dog owners get farmers' warning

DOG walkers are being urged to ensure their pets are kept under control as efforts are stepped up to reduce the risks of attacks on farm livestock.

The National Farmers Union (NFU) and the Kennel Club have joined forces to tackle the issue.

Oliver Cartwright, NFU spokesman, said: "Shropshire farmers care for their animals, practise good husbandry and attacks on livestock by dogs have major consequences for animal welfare and farm businesses.

"The NFU has worked with the Kennel Club and others on advice for pet owners and we would urge dog walkers to keep their animals under close, effective control and on a short lead when they are near livestock. We recognise the majority of dog owners are responsible but this is a timely reminder to keep dogs on leads when near farms."

Changes made to wheelchair service

CHANGES are being made to the wheelchair service at Oswestry Cemetery.

Oswestry Cambrian Rotarians have agreed to offer an on-demand service to anyone who would like wheelchair assistance to visit a grave.

They will meet people at the cemetery gate.

The wheelchair can be provided by Oswestry Town Council.

The volunteers need two days' notice and will try to accommodate all requests

For more information about the service call the council on (01691) 680222 or e-mail enquiries@oswestry-tc.gov.uk

Oswestry firefighter hangs up his helmet after 33 years

A FIREFIGHTER has hung up his helmet for the final time after 33 years of service.

John Davies, 61, was the watch manager in charge at Oswestry Fire Station and brought an end to his career recently with his final drill.

His long service as an on call firefighter covering the region means he has attended 1,700 weekly drill nights where firefighters practise their skills ready to deal with any emergency which comes their way.

An engineer by trade, John has worked over the years at JCB in Wrexham, Stadco in Shrewsbury and for Fred Jones's steel production works in Oswestry, where he was allowed to leave work at a moment's notice to answer 999 calls during his 26 years at the company.

John said: "I joined the fire service in 1983 as a second job because I thought it may be interesting.

"I've enjoyed my time at Oswestry Fire Station and it's now time for someone else to take over."

He also praised area group manager Rob Corfield for his support.

Over the years he has attended hundreds of emergency calls, many in the middle of the night to deal with house fires, road traffic victims, flood and hill rescues.

Major incidents that stuck out was when he attended the scene of the tragic house fire which killed the Foster family in Maesbrook in 2008, and the blaze that destroyed Woodside School.

He added: "I never thought it was unusual but a lot of people don't realise the amount of times you turn out in the dark and cold not knowing what you are going to and when you are coming home.

"But if you can save a life, human or animal, you have done a good job as that's what it is all about." John, who is carriage and wagon manager at Llangollen to Corwen's Heritage Railway, has been watch manager at Oswestry Fire Station for the past ten years.

Crew manager Ade Bowen paid tribute to John.

He said: "He has done a good job, been very fair and understanding and has always been there for help if anyone has had a problem.

"We are all very proud to have served under him and wish him well for the future."

Community-spirited John Davies has hung up his firefighter's helmet after 33 years of service

Businesses up for sale and needing 'new blood'

THE economy on the Shropshire/Welsh border needs new blood to take it further – say the owners of two businesses.

Owners at both Caroline's Wool Shop in Newtown and the Old Forge guest house in Knockin near Oswestry believe the thriving companies have many years to serve the local people and visitors. Both Helen and Fred Lloyd, who run the historic wool shop in Market Street, and Colin and Wendy Pearce, who have run the Old Forge for 15 years, have put their businesses on the market and are looking to retire. Mrs Pearce said she had been at the shop, set up by her sister and mum, for more than 40 years.

"I still love it. It is a great location, we have caravanners, people who come on holiday here year after year and our regular customers too. If I was 20 years younger I wouldn't be selling." The family business is up for sale for £35,000 and the three storey building for £230,000.

Colin and Wendy Pearce are both in their 60s and are looking to spend more time with their family in Shrewsbury. With three letting bedrooms, the Old Forge bed and breakfast also has a barn converted into a self catering holiday cottage.

"We love the job and the area, it is very good business but it is the time of life where we want to use our rail cards. We just want fresh blood for it," Colin said.

The property is up for sale for £599,950. Both businesses are being marketed by Halls Commercial.

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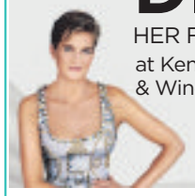
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Richard gears up for unusual race

Report by Aimee Jones

WHILE most cyclists take on challenges on their top-of-the-range road bike, a Shropshire cyclist will take on a 100-mile cycle sportive on a folding commuter bike.

Richard Banks will be one of 15,000 people taking on the Vélo Birmingham.

The 50-year-old from Oswestry has never taken part in a closed-road cycle but hopes to raise even more money for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Charity on the bike. "A few friends and I are regulars at Le Mans, France, for the 24-hour endurance motor race," Richard said. "We used to take Brompton folding commuter bikes with us to get around the circuit and one year it was mooted that we should cycle to Le Mans from the French side of the English Channel.

"In 2016 we cycled our Bromptons from the top to the bottom of France; from Ouistreham, near Caen, to the Pyrenees, for the car racing in Pau.

"It occurred to me that undertaking the race on a folding bike, with small wheels, might garner some interest and lead to increased sponsorship and greater benefits for the Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

"The greater the pain, the larger the likely donations, was my reasoning."

Richard chose the charity because his partner's mother is being treated for cancer at the hospital and said the treatment is "second to none".

Vélo Birmingham, which takes place on Sunday, September 24, sold out its 15,000 places in four days last September. A small number of individual places are still available through lead charity partners. Companies can also enter teams through the Business 100 challenge, which offers a VIP experience coupled with training events and networking opportunities. You can sponsor Richard by searching 'YMGW' on the Just Giving website.

Richard Banks from Oswestry will cycle 100 miles on a Brompton bike

Show promises a warm welcome

Commercial feature

Preparations for Llanfyllin Show are being finalised and organisers say once again there will be something for everyone on the big day.

Known as the 'friendly show' because of the warm welcome extended to visitors, Llanfyllin Show attracts around 5,000 visitors.

Star attraction at this year's event on Saturday, August 12 is the Kangaroo Kid, world record quad bike stuntman from Gold Coast, Australia.

Preparations for the big day were recently ramped up following a well attended annual president's lunch.

This year's show president, retired businessman Phil Ellis, welcomed 220 guests to the lunch held in a marquee at Bodfach Park by kind permission of the Bodfach Trust and Janet Jones. Entertainment was provided by Parti Perlais.

And there will be plenty of entertainment on the show day itself.

Attractions include Porthywaen Silver Band, a sheep shearing contest, dog show, horses, sheep, goats, horticulture, floral art, cookery and crafts, a Village Green, Punch & Judy, terrier racing and children's sports.

Mr Ellis said he was looking forward to the big day. Becoming a show president seems to run in the Ellis family. Mr Ellis's brother, Brian, who still runs the family farm in Llanfechain, is a former president of his village show.

Mr Ellis spent virtually all his working life in Llanfyllin, training as a carpenter and joiner with Jack Jackson, builder and undertaker, from the age of 15. When Mr Jackson retired from the building business in 1969, Mr Ellis spent a year working on a new hospital in London before returning to start his own carpentry and joinery business. He employed Rob Hughes and they became partners in building contractors Ellis and Hughes in 1974 before taking over the funeral directors I. Jackson & Sons in 1981 when Mr Jackson retired.In 1988, Phil and Rob acquired W. E. Price Funeral Directors, Oswestry and the both businesses are now run by their sons, Gary and Andrew. Although retired, both men still support the business when their services are required. Phil's legacy as a builder includes homes in New Road, Bridge Street and Green Garage, Llanfyllin. In retirement, he enjoys gardening, spending time with his extended family – he has four children and seven grandchildren – and still does small carpentry and joinery jobs at home. His service to the community includes being a former chairman of Llanfyllin Football Club for 17 years and he is also a member of the Royal British Legion, Llanfyllin Chamber of Trade and Penybontfawr Male Voice Choir, of which he is a former chairman. Show chairman for a second year is Emyr Jones.

Llanfyllin Show president Phil Ellis, right, with chairman Emyr Jones

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Hundreds flock to see a re-enactment of battle

Looking for trouble – this re-enactor keeps an eye on things

Gavin Faraway Jones and Mark Grayshon get up close and personal

Michael Hendry gets ready for a fight

Vikings on the attack!

Report by Jonny Drury

VIKINGS took over fields in Welshpool as part of a unique exhibition.

Hundreds of people flocked to see various displays and battle re-enactments take place.

One of the stand-out performances was the Vikings' last stand during the reign of King Alfred the Great, and the historic re-enactment of the Battle of Buttington.

Visitors stepped back in time at the Powis Castle showfield with a main Viking camp and two smaller Saxon and Welshpool camps set up showing 10th century life.

Eva Bredsdorff, curator at the museum and organiser, who is Danish herself, said it had been a fantastic spectacle.

She said: "It was fantastic to have so many people here.

"It is something original and something people in Welshpool and the surrounding area don't get to see everyday."

The Battle of Buttington, a small village near Welshpool, fascinated crowds as the story was told of armies reinforced by Danes of East Anglia and Northumbria who had settled in Britain.

It is said that Alfred the Great held Hastein's family captive, prompting a Danish attack.

It ended with Hastein harrying the Danes up the River Thames and Severn to Buttington, where Hasten was besieged on all sides. Mayor Councillor Stephen Kaye heaped praise onto Eva for putting on such a unique event.

He said: "To have something like this is brilliant, when do you ever see Vikings in Welshpool?"

The re-enactors showed off their battle skills during the Welshpool event

The fighting became ferocious during the battles

Some of the re-enactors had horses to help them in battle

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Two major field operations staged by armed forces

The realities of conflict were closely represented during the army exercise

Military equipment was used during the exercise at Nesscliffe

Army personnel talk to one of the 'locals' at Nesscliffe

Personnel hone their skills at training camp

Report by Jonny Drury

NESSCLIFFE training camp near Oswestry has hosted two major field operations to allow armed forces personnel to hone their skills.

A scenario similar to ones played out in war zones such as Iraq or Afghanistan was staged in the rain and wind-lashed fields of the camp.

Almost 100 soldiers of the 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards were involved in a training exercise ahead of a six-week deployment to the National Training Centre in the Majove Desert, California.

The exercise involved 'key leader engagement' in a scenario set out to mimic those that take place in hostile places.

Large military vehicles and armed soldiers were involved in securing an area of the training camp and the exercise saw personnel move in and engage in conversations with 'locals' about security issues, concerns and ethnic divides in the area.

And in a separate exercise at the camp RAF reserves from all over the UK descended on the area to show what life is like in a real life military emergency situation.

Over 200 reserves along with regular RAF officers took part in Exercise Meddygol Opps, providing training and demonstrating how forces establish a medical treatment facility in a hostile environment.

Reserves tended to the patient in a situation designed to replicate ones seen every day in Afghanistan and other war zones.

Army personnel were ready for anything during the training camp operations

Negotiation skills were practised during the exercise

Flight Sgt Steve Pickles from Whittington in action during the RAF exercise

RAF reserves were fully equipped and ready for action

RAF reserves care for a 'casualty' during the training camp operation

PROPERTY

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Superb bungalow with lots of room and large garden

LLANSANTFFRAID £370,000

Maeswood at Llansantffraid is a spacious individual detached bungalow.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £370,000.

It lies on the outskirts of the popular village, within walking distance of the village centre.

Maintained to a high standard throughout, the spacious accommodation comprises of an entrance hall, a lounge, a dining room, a kitchen, a breakfast room, a utility, a cloakroom, an inner hallway, bedroom four (currently used as a study), a further three double bedrooms (two en-suite) and a family bathroom.

Outside, the property stands on an excellent plot with superb gardens to the front and rear, off road parking for several vehicles, a garage and a chalet/workshop. Oil fired underfloor central heating and double glazing are installed throughout.

In more detail the gravel driveway provides ample parking space. The entrance hall has double doors to a cloakroom/storage cupboard. Having an electric log-effect log burner set on a tiled hearth, the lounge has surround sound and French windows to the rear garden and an archway to the dining room, which in turn has wooden doors to the entrance hall.

An archway from the fully fitted kitchen leads to the breakfast room with floor tiling and a French door to the garden. There is a utility room and cloakroom/wc.

Outside, to the front of the property is a gated wide driveway with a Criggion granite gravelled turning and parking area providing parking for several vehicles.

There is also a lawned garden with a variety of shrubs and a trimmed mature Oak tree. Directly off the rear of the property is a decked seating area with lights and a retractable canopy over. Beyond is a superb lawned garden with a plethora of established shrubs and trees.

There is also a greenhouse, garage and a chalet/workshop.

KEY FEATURES

- Individual detached bungalow
- 4 bedrooms (3 double)
- Popular village
- Superb gardens
- Ample parking

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Farmhouse is linked to renovated barn

GLYNDYFRDWY
£285,000

Three bedroom farmhouse, Ty Lawr, is linked to a renovated barn, perfect for the aspirational artisan from author to artist.

The adjoining flexible accommodation would suit a home business with workshop, studio, or consultancy. The property is on the market through Balfours with a guide price of £285,000.

Ty Lawr is found five miles from Llangollen at Glyndyfrdwy. There is an excellent primary school two miles away, with Llangollen providing not only local shops, but the renowned canal and River Dee for fishing and canoeing. Nearby to the steading are five acres of meadow and woodland providing a wonderful amenity and oasis for nature.

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Cottage is by the river and sits in a quiet village position

RUYTON-XI-TOWNS
£305,000 <<<

A semi-detached character riverside cottage set in a large plot with a central village position, Toad Cottage, Brownhill, Ruyton XI Towns, is on the market through JJ Dell & Co with a guide price of £305,000.

The house has double glazing and central heating. There is a reception hall, cloakroom, two reception rooms, a kitchen and a utility. There are three bedrooms and a bathroom and en-suite. The property enjoys a large garden plot and there is ample parking and outbuildings.

The home is set well back from the main road and is approached over a gravelled drive providing ample car parking and turning area.There is a range of useful outbuildings including a summer house by the river.

Contact JJ Dell & Co on 01691 653437 and 680212.

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OSWESTRY

- End Terraced House Within Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- GFCH
- Entrance Hall
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen And Cellar
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Rear Yard
- EPC Band - JJD981

GUIDE PRICE £149,000

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- Bathroom
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GUIDE PRICE £137,000

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- Kitchen & Utility
- Three Bedrooms
- Private Rear Garden
- Walking Distance Of Town Centre
- EPC Band - E JJD961

GUIDE PRICE £154,950

PANT

- Period Detached Bungalow Occupying Elevated Position
- Offering Excellent Potential
- Walking Distance Of Village Facilities
- Reception Hall
- Living Room
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Sun Room
- Detached Garage
- Ample Parking
- EPC Band - F

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- EPC Band - D

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GUIDE PRICE £34,750

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- GFCH & DG
- Entrance Porch
- Living Room
- Kitchen
- Laundry
- Morning Room
- Conservatory
- Shower Room
- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom
- Attic Room/Office
- Extensive South Facing Rear Garden
- EPC Band -

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GUIDE PRICE £295,000

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- Stunning Views Towards Shropshire Plain
- Reception Hall
- Three Reception Rooms
- Kitchen & Utility
- Cloakroom & Study
- Five Bedrooms
- Bathroom & En-Suite
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- EPC Band - JJD091

RENT - £12,500

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- Suitable For An Executive House
- O.P.P. For Single Dwelling
- Semi-Rural Location
- Close To Village Facilities
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- Unit G - RENT £23,000 (Floor Area - 8,400 sq. ft)
- EPC Band - E JJD087

DEVELOPMENT SITE - HENGOED

- Site Extending To 0.8 Acres
- Property Occupied By Repairs Garage
- OPP For Four Executive Dwellings
- Outskirts Of Village Location
- Open Views Across Surrounding Countryside
- We understand Mains Electricity And Water Available JJD893

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NEW

Hawthorn Close St Martins — £124,995
- Recently redecorated and recarpeted 2 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
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- Entrance Hall, Lounge, Kitchen and Utility
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Excellent plot with good size rear garden and parking
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating D (63)
- NO CHAIN

NEW

Croeswylan Lane Oswestry — £615,000
- A rare opportunity to purchase one of the most prestigious houses in Oswestry
- An imposing Edwardian home set in generous and elevated grounds
- Host of original features yet offers spacious and flexible living accommodation.
- Three main reception rooms are linked by folding doors and opens onto the terraced gardens.
- Snug, kitchen with associated pantry and a ground floor study
- Master Bedroom Suite, large En-suite & Dressing Room opens onto balcony
- The Guest Bedroom with separate En-suite
- Three other Bedrooms, Family Bathroom and Shower Room.
- Large well-maintained gardens with a raised terrace
- A purpose built Double Garage and a variety of outbuildings

NEW

Charles Parry Close Oswestry — £224,995
- An immaculately presented large spacious 3 Bedroom Detached House
- The property has been maintained to the highest of standards
- Ent Hall, Dining Room, Lounge, Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Utility and Cloakroom
- 3 Bedrooms (master en-suite) and a Family Bathroom.
- Excellent plot, off road parking, garage and landscaped garden to rear
- Gas central heating and double glazing are installed throughout

Building Plot Chirk Bank — £74,995
- An excellent residential development opportunity located in the picturesque village of Chirk Bank extending to 0.04 acres or thereabouts with outline planning permission for the erection of one detached dwelling
- The site is located within walking distance of the Shropshire Union Canal

Upper Brook Street Oswestry — £125,000
- A delightful 2 Bedroom Terraced Cottage
- Period features including beams to ceilings and inglenook fireplace
- Large rear garden (approx. 150' long), garage and workshop
- Living Room, Inner Hall/Breakfast Area, Kitchen
- Rear Lobby and Bathroom and 2 good size Bedrooms.
- Gas fired central heating. EPC Rating

Thornhurst Avenue Oswestry — £180,000
- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in a quiet residential location on the fringe of the town centre
- Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen, Side Porch/Lobby
- 2 Double Bedrooms, Bathroom and Conservatory
- Beautifully presented gardens to the front and rear, garage
- Recently surfaced resin bound driveway providing ample off road parkin
- Gas central heating and uPVC double glazing EPC Rating D (75)

Castle Street Oswestry — £99,995
- Deceptively spacious and immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Terrace House
- Lounge, Kitchen, Inner Hall & Bathrm
- 2 Bedrooms & further Attic Room
- Rear garden with patio & lawned areas
- Gas C/H & partialD/G, EPC Rating D (64)
- An ideal 1st Time or Investment purchase

Church View Hadnall — £299,995
- ●●●PART EXCHANGE OR HELP TO BUY IS AVAILABLE (Help to Buy Price £239,000)●●●
- BRAND NEW 4 Bedroom detached home situated in the popular village of Hadnall close to the Market Town of Shrewsbury.
- Open plan Kitchen and Dining area ideal for entertaining, Utility & Cloaks.
- Spacious Master Bedroom with fitted wardrobes and En-suite
- 3 further Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden, Integral Garage and Driveway.

Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant — £450,000
- A stunning Grade II Listed Farmhouse
- Situated in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley
- Reception Hall; Music Room; Sitting Room; Dining Room
- Kitchen Lounge; Kitchen; Utility Room; Rear Lobby; Pantry
- Coal House; Gallery Landing; Loft Storage Room; Integral Garage
- Gun Room; Cellar; 5 First Floor Bedrooms; Family Bathroom; 5 Attic Rooms
- Large Gardens; Orchard/Paddock.

Elm Tree Park Llanymynech — £359,995
- ONLY ONE PLOT REMAINING
- PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE
- LAST CHANCE TO BUY ON THIS EXCLUSIVE EXECTIVE DEVELOPMENT
- HIGH SPECIFICATION FINISH
- TIMBER FRAMED FOUR BEDROOM DETACHED HOUSES
- DOUBLE GARAGE

Ashlands Road Weston Rhyn — £114,995
- THIS PROPERTY CAN BE PURCHASED ON A 50% SHARED OWNERSHIP BASIS OR AS A WHOLE
- Well presented 2 Bed Modern House
- Living Room, Kitchen
- 2 Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Front & rear gardens, Off road parking
- Gas C/h & D/G. EPC Rating B - 82

Arddleen Llanymynech — £215,000
- NO CHAIN - A spacious 3 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated in the popular village of Arddleen,
- Entrance Hall, Lounge/Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Room
- Master Bedroom with En-Suite
- Two further Bedrooms and Bathroom
- Externally the property offers gardens to front, side and rear.
- Oil Central Heating and uPVC double glazing. EPC Rating

Llansantffraid — £370,000
- Individual Detached 4 Bedroom Bungalow situated on the outskirts of the popular village of Llansantffraid
- Maintained to a high standard throughout
- Ent Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Breakfast Room, Utility, Cloaks
- Inner Hallway, Bedroom 4 (currently used as a study)
- Further 3 Double Bedrooms (2 en-suite) and Family Bathroom
- The property stands on an excellent plot with superb gardens to the front and rear
- Off road parking for several vehicles, garage and chalet/workshop
- Oil fired underfloor central heating and

Meadowdale Llanymynech — £128,000
- Prices Starting from £128,000
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- A beautifully presented 1 Bed Leasehold Apartment
- Maintained to a high standard
- Ent Hall, Inner Hall, Lounge, Kitchen
- Bedroom and Bathroom
- Enclosed rear garden with decked area
- One allocated parking space
- Modern electric heaters & uPVC D/G

Balmoral Crescent Oswestry — £234,995
- Spacious 5 Bedroom Detached House with Annex accommodation
- Porch, Ent Hall, Lounge, Kitchen/ Breakfast Room, Dining Room
- 5 first floor Bedrooms and Family Bathroom
- Annex accommodation: Living Rm, Bedrm & Shower Rm
- Large patio with covered seating area with lawned garden beyond
- Tarmac driveway to the fore provides ample off road parking
- Gas central heating and double glazing

Almond Avenue Gobowen — £125,000
- An immaculately presented 3 Bedroom Semi-Detached House
- Maintained to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, large Lounge and Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- 3 Bedrooms and a Family Bathroom
- Good size plot with off road parking & enclosed rear garden
- Gas central heating and double glazing. EPC Rating
- Solid oak floors fitted throughout

Heather Bank Gobowen — £167,500
- An immaculately presented 2 Bedroom Detached Bungalow
- Situated close to the centre of the popular village of Gobowen
- Maintained to the highest of standards
- Entrance Hall, Kitchen, Lounge
- 2 good size Bedrooms and Bathroom.
- An enclosed rear garden, driveway and single garage
- uPVC D/G and new gas boiler have been recently installed
- EPC Rating D (66)

Waterfall St Llanrhaeadr YM — £110,000
- 2 Bedroom End Terraced
- Ent Hall, Lounge Dining Rm, Kitchen
- Utility Rm, 2 Bedrooms & Bathroom
- Generous sized terraced garden leading down to river
- Off road parking to the side
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- EPC Rating F. NO CHAIN

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Bungalow comes with a self-contained annexe

NANT Y COED, WELSHPOOL
£480,000

A BUNGALOW with a self-contained annexe, large garden and paddock has been launched to the market by Balfours with a guide price of £480,000.

The property, just outside Welshpool, comprises a spacious entrance hall with access to all rooms. The kitchen is well equipped with adjoining dining room. The sitting room has glazing to three aspects providing a delightful light room with fireplace. Three bedrooms, one en-suite and a bathroom are also accessed off the hallway. Beyond the kitchen a utility room links with a large garage and wc. The annexe provides a large living room, inner hall, kitchenette, bathroom and double bedroom with built in wardrobes.

For more information call Duncan Scobie on 01743 353511 or visit www.balfours.co.uk

Four bedroom detached home in sought-after village location

KINNERLEY
£295,000 <<<

A detached family home, 38 Coly Anchor, Kinnerley, lies in a quiet position in a highly sought-after village. It is for sale through Town & Country at £295,000 with no chain.

A spokesman for the selling agent said: "The property has been fitted with many high specification extras over the standard build to create a magnificent property with generous accommodation. The house enjoys an open backdrop onto fields and is close to schools, public transport and every day conveniences."

Its accommodation briefly comprises a covered porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility, guest WC, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom.

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Cartrefle, Llansantffraid — £189,950

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Single Building Plot, Gobowen £50,000

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41 Lloyd Street, Oswestry. Guide Price: £97,500

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18 High Fawr Close, Oswestry — £295,000

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Truly stunning detached home in sought after village

KINNERLEY
£295,000

A truly stunning detached family home, 38 Coly Anchor, Kinnerley, lies in a quiet position in a highly sought after village. It is for sale through Town & Country at £295,000 with no chain.

Its accommodation briefly comprises a covered porch, entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility, guest WC, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms and a family bathroom. In more detail the entrance hall has oak flooring, stairs off and an under-stairs cupboard.

The lounge has oak flooring and an Aarrow cast iron burning stove inset with a tiled hearth and brick inset. There is a square bay window to the front and the lounge opens onto the dining area. Being beautifully appointed, the kitchen/dining room has a range of modern gloss fronted base and contrasting wall units with oak worktops over, a one and a half bowl Franke sink, eye level double Indesit electric

oven, ceramic induction hob, a chimney style extractor fan over, integrated Indesit dishwasher, integrated fridge/freezer, porcelain tiled flooring and a spotlighting, contemporary radiator. The dining area has porcelain tiled flooring and French doors to the rear garden, a contemporary radiator, breakfast bar and spotlighting. The utility has porcelain tiled flooring, a further sink, extractor fan, spotlighting, plumbing for a washing machine and a part glazed door to the rear garden. A door leads to the guest WC. Upstairs, all the doors are finished in oak with polished chrome handles. The spacious master bedroom has a recessed area leading to the en suite, a square bay window to the front and an en-suite. Bedroom two overlooks the rear. Bedroom four is L-shaped and again has views over the rear. The family bathroom features a luxury suite.

Contact Town & Country on 01691 679631.

Superb cottage with balcony is in location on edge of forest

LLANGADFAN
£169,950 >>>

Bliss Cottage, 4 Hendre, Llangadfan, is a delightfully charming two-bedroomed semi-detached cottage in a beautiful location on the edge of Dyfnant Forest.

Having a balcony, separate lounge and dining room, kitchen and wet room, it is for sale through Morris Marshall & Poole at £169,950.

A number of external items may be available by separate negotiation including a wood fired hot tub, an attractive insulated "Hobbit House" with wood stove, a large timber shed and a timber potting shed/greenhouse.

From the paved patio the gardens lead across the front of the house with a raised lawn in a sunny position with good views. A pathway then leads to large side gardens with woodland beyond. There is a stream-fed pond and a second still pond.

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Stunning farmhouse with superb views and large grounds

LLANRHAEADR
£450,000 <<<

Clynog, Llanrhaeadr Ym Mochnant near Oswestry is a stunning Grade II listed farmhouse in an elevated position with outstanding views over the Tanat Valley.

It is for sale through Bowen Son & Watson at £450,000.

The property is situated on the outskirts the picturesque village of Llanrhaeadr-ym-Mochnant close to the confluence of the River's Tanat and Rhaeadr in the stunning Berwyn Mountains and near Pistyll Rhaeadr. The village itself has a good range of local amenities. In brief, the property has a reception hall, music room, sitting room, dining room, kitchen lounge, kitchen, utility room, rear lobby, coal house, gallery landing, a loft storage room, integral garage, gun room, five first floor bedrooms, a family bathroom, five attic rooms, large gardens and an orchard/paddock.

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What better time to teach children about nature?

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with Ben Waddams

WITH the sun shining and the summer holidays just round the corner, the next few weeks and months are a great time to introduce children to nature. And where better to start than the local pond?

Whether you are lucky enough to have a pond at home, be out exploring streams or rock pools, or even just looking in a water butt, you will be amazed at the different wildlife you can find there.

Pond dipping will always reveal a startling array of previously unseen wildlife. It really is like partaking in a lucky dip and extracting a prize every time.

From caddis fly larvae in their beautifully constructed homes, to 'jokers' or red bloodworms, giant water beetles, fearsome dragonfly nymphs, leeches, water boatmen, water scorpions, the occasional frog, newt and toad and even, on a memorable red-letter day for me, a young pike.

Pond dipping is something that childhood memories are made of.

It's a veritable, underwater micro-safari waiting to be discovered at the bottom of your garden, village or school.

So, why not relive those memories, or get the whole family involved so memories for a new generation can be made?

And if you truly want to do something important for the natural history in your area, probably the single biggest help you can offer is to dig a pond in your garden.

Recent research shows that 80 per cent of wildlife ponds in the UK are in a 'poor' or 'very poor' state and we have lost almost half a million ponds in the last century.

The effects of this loss on wildlife are devastating, as freshwater ponds provide many species with suitable breeding and feeding habitats.

Ponds have been, and continue to be, lost to urban development and land use change, agricultural drainage and in-filling, fragmentation and through poor management. You really can make a difference.

Larger ponds are also home to water voles which burrow into soft banks, grass snakes which hunt among the vegetation, and Daubenton's bats which skim the water in search of insects. Waterbirds such as swans, moorhens and tufted ducks rely on ponds for feeding and nesting, while waders like lapwing, redshank and snipe probe the muddy margins for invertebrates.

Ponds provide stepping stones between isolated patches of habitat, linking up the countryside and allowing species to move about freely. Water is a great place (provided of course that supervision is on hand) for children to explore but if this is not possible, then why not go on a safari in your garden or closest patch of countryside?

Children are inherently enthralled by the natural history around them.

It is the antidote to the fast-paced, stressful world in which many young children live. Equally important, it improves intellectual development and coping mechanisms. It enhances science knowledge, develops better social skills, improves eyesight, self-discipline and concentration and boosts self esteem.

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A natural fascination – Ben shows a lime hawk moth to daughter Eva

Society has mountain use worries

IT is one of the wonders of Wales – and the playground of many Salopians.

But Snowdon is becoming so popular it has been branded as being busier than Manchester's Piccadilly station at rush hour.

The Snowdonia Society has raised concerns that the popularity of the mountain is having an adverse impact, particularly on footpaths and it wants to encourage walkers to explore other peaks in the National Park.

Leaders of the campaign group have also challenged the Welsh Government to spend as much money in maintaining the mountain and funding public transport links as it did on last year's UK-wide advertising campaign which encouraged tourists to visit Snowdonia.

More than 600,000 people are expected to make the trek to the summit this year. Good weather since Easter has seen paths to the summit crowded with walkers, with some having to queue to pass at narrow points.

At the last bank holiday weekend in May walkers had to queue to touch the brass plate at the top of the peak.

One walker who climbed the peak said: "It's ridiculous. I come here from Manchester for a bit of peace and quiet and find this path busier than Piccadilly station at the height of rush hour."

John Harold, of the Snowdonia Society, said the rise in visitor numbers was also proving a challenge for parking and litter. He said: "The growth seems to have accelerated in recent years. Obviously the mountain railway takes a lot of people to the top, but charity and challenge events have contributed a rapidly growing percentage too.

"The levels of usage we are seeing now raise real questions about sustainability, especially if the trends continue. There are challenges around footpaths, parking and transport, litter, dogs, mountain bikes and safety."

As a result of the increase in use, footpaths need to be repaired more frequently at a time when the resources to do it are being cut, he said.

He said: "We see plenty of money spent on advertising campaigns, but the National Park Authority funding has been slashed in recent years and mountain rescue charities are having to respond to a growing numbers of call-outs.

"The Snowdonia Society would love to see Welsh Government get the priorities straight on this."

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Hallelujah! Scott's on a music mission

The churches of Wolverhampton, Staffordshire and Shropshire may be put to an unusual use in coming months as the region's Ivor Novello Award-winning Scott Matthews embarks on a remarkable journey.

The Wolverhampton-based singer/songwriter is presently recording his sixth album, which is due for release in April, and hopes to record in a venue with stunning acoustics.

And rather than head to studios in London, Bath, Wales or Scotland – he wants to stay close to home and find a unique and bespoke environment in which to record. The idea is to capture the magic that Scott's concerts create, where fans from around the UK find themselves spellbound by the mystery of his evocative, spine-tingling songs.

Scott became a huge success when he released the hit single Elusive, which was a BBC Radio favourite and earned him a tour with the Foo Fighters, a major recording deal with Island – home to U2, Bob Marley, Nick Drake and others – and won an Ivor Novello Award.

He has since released five albums – including his two most recent, Home Pt I and Home Pt II – and is embarking on a new record, which has a working title of Chapters.

Scott says: "I'm writing at home and have a number of songs. I want to get to 15 or so, and whittle that down to 10. The idea for recording in a church came about because they have such brilliant acoustics. Recording in a unique environment, rather than a traditional studio, also adds a little magic to the performance. There's something that happens when I play a concert, a feeling, or an energy, that the audience and I both feel. The idea is that by recording in a church with sensational acoustics, I can recreate that feeling and commit it to the record."

The record will be released in spring 2018, with an accompanying tour. And Scott, one of the UK's most revered and respected singer/songwriters, is finally recording a stripped-down album featuring only him and a guitar.

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Fans are being given the chance to engage with the recording process by getting regular updates from the artist, through an organisation called Pledge Music.

Pledge Music gives performers who choose not to have a record deal the opportunity to work directly with fans – where they pre-order signed copies of the work, which helps to pay the upfront costs of recording.

Scott adds: "I founded my own record label – Shedio – which is based around the converted garden shed at the bottom of my garden. That's the space where I usually record. The fan-funded model works really well because fans then get the chance to find out about the process while it is still on-going.

On a song – Scott won an Ivor Novello in 2007

They get regular updates, which might include messages from me, video updates – all sorts of things.

"Then, when the record is complete, they are the first to receive a signed copy of the new album, which is delivered to their door. It's pretty simple for people to get involved. They just need to go online and search for Pledge Music, then search for Scott Matthews and all of the details appear."

Scott says financing the project is not the most important part of Pledge. The thing that he enjoys best is having direct access to his fans.

"You might wake up one morning and there'll be a message from someone in Paraguay who has just discovered the back catalogue, which is great. Or, alternatively, you might get a fan from somewhere in the UK who is really passionate about the music and can speak articulately about particular songs.

"That really fuels my fire. Having that direct link with the fans, where they can tell me what they think, is a massive boost. And that's one of the things I'm looking forward to as I record my sixth album."

Scott remains in the spotlight and was recently asked by the BBC to unveil a commemorative Blue Plaque at the former home of iconic British folk singer Nick Drake, who lived at Tanworth-In-Arden.

Scott was happy to oblige and performed the ceremony alongside fellow singer/songwriter Simon Fowler, best known as frontman with Ocean Colour Scene.

"It was an enormous honour," he says. "There have been a few highlights in my career: winning an Ivor Novello, presenting John Martyn with a Lifetime Achievement Award in a room full of people like John Martyn and so on. But being asked to unveil the plaque at Nick Drake's home was remarkable. There were little rural paths that he would have walked along. It was easy to marvel at the things that would have gone on in his room, at the records that would have been delivered to his door and so on. It was a real privileged, a very special moment." Scott, an avid Wolverhampton Wanderers fans, is looking forward to being back on the road in spring – though eagle-eyed fans might get the chance to see him play a few unannounced shows before then, when he trials new songs.

> *I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar*

"You can learn more from a three-minute soundcheck, or by playing a song at a gig, than you can by spending a year writing and refining a song. So I plan to road-test a few of the songs with a small number of gigs this autumn. The record will be finished by December, I'll reflect for a little while and then it will be out in spring. I'm very excited to be finally recording a record that's just me and a guitar. And, having released five albums already, I'm just thrilled to have the opportunity to record and release a sixth."

● Fans who want to pre-order signed copies of Scott Scott' new album can log onto Pledge Music to receive regular updates at: www.pledgemusic.com/projects/scott-Scott-studio-album-six

Andy Richardson

● For more entertainment news and reviews see The Ticket in your Shropshire Star every Friday.

Retired businessman Phil is president

A RETIRED businessman who has spent his whole life living and working in the area has been appointed as this year's Llanfyllin Show president.

Phil Ellis, who lives in Rhos-y-Brithdir, near Llanfyllin, is a retired builder and funeral director who is well known in the area and has attended the show since childhood.

He and his wife, Jane (both pictured) are looking forward to their big day at this year's show on Saturday, August 12.

To celebrate his presidency, he held a President's Lunch in a marquee at Bodfach Park, Llanfyllin by kind permission of the Bodfach Trust and Janet Jones on Sunday, July 16.

"To be invited to become show president is a terrific honour and privilege," said Phil.

"I think it's a marvellous, friendly show which attracts people from a very wide area.

"Although I have never competed at the show, I have been attending since I was a child.

"It brings people of the countryside and the town together and is a great place to meet up with old friends."

Becoming a show president seems to run in the Ellis family. Phil's brother, Brian, who still runs the family farm in Llanfechain, is a former president of his village show.

Known as the 'friendly show' because of the warm welcome extended to visitors, Llanfyllin Show attracts around 5,000 visitors.

Star attraction this year is the Kangaroo Kid, world record quad bike stuntman from Gold Coast, Australia.

Other attractions include Porthywaen Silver Band, a sheep shearing contest, dog show, horses, sheep, goats, horticulture, floral art, cookery and crafts, a Village Green, Punch & Judy, terrier racing and children's sports.

Show chairman for a second year is Emyr Jones.

Chef Tim is happy to keep cooking for stars

An Oswestry chef who is rapidly rustling himself up a reputation as the caterer to the stars will be setting taste buds tingling at this year's Llangollen Food Festival.

Over the past few years Tim Roberts has served up his mobile feasts of Spanish and Italian dishes to hungry diners at a host of major entertainment events.

And he's also become the chef of choice to celebs such as opera legend Alfie Boe, singer and TV presenter Connie Fisher and presenters from TV antiques show Bargain Hunt including Eric Knowles.

On Saturday and Sunday October 14 and 15 Tim, pictured with Connie Fisher and helper Jonny Platt, will once again be setting up his stand at the food festival named by the Daily Telegraph and the Independent newspapers as one of the Top 10 in the UK.

Tim, 43, served his apprenticeship with his family business of Eric Roberts butchers in Oswestry, before taking a job with a travel company working in countries across Europe where he developed his culinary skills.

He said: "Eight years ago, along with my wife Sarah, I decided to start my own business, which is called Su Casa Cuisine, and from our base in Oswestry we started to cook in people's homes, doing dinner parties for groups of up to 15 or 20 people, which we still do.

"I've cooked for so many famous people in the past few years I think you could call me the caterer to the stars but I'm really looking forward to being at Hamper Llangollen again this year.

"It's a great event in a lovely venue held at the right time of the year. I believe it's improved year on year and I can't wait to start cooking there for hundreds of people once more."

Tim Roberts, right, Connie Fisher and Jonny Platt

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* THE Welshpool 1940s weekend is drawing ever closer and the organising team is as busy as ever raising much needed funds and publicity for the event. Last weekend a coffee morning was held in the Church House and the team was at the Blaenau Ffestiniog 40s Day handing out fliers and drumming up support. Forthcoming fundraisers include a talk on a RAF pilot's Second World War escape on August 18, stalls at Tuffins Fun Day and Guilsfield Show and a prize bingo night on August 24. On Saturday, September 2 there will be an afternoon tea with The Tudors in the Church House. Tickets for an Elvis Presley tribute and 50s and 60s evening in the Church House on September 16 are now on sale at Welshpool Jewellers. With a car decorated with bunting, flags, posters, sandbags and camouflage net the team took part in Newtown, Llandrindod Wells, and Llanidloes carnivals to promote the 1940s weekend. Along with visits to other 1940s events in Derbyshire, Castle Bromwich, Ironbridge, Colwyn Bay, and Black Country museum plus an active Facebook page and website, organisers are doing everything possible to maximise the number of visitors to the town. Town centre businesses and residents are encouraged to decorate their windows and premises with flags, bunting and so forth.

Organisers have packs of reproduction propaganda posters that they can supply. For more details call Alan Crowe on 07782 166342 or find Welshpool Forties Weekend on Facebook.

* AN exhibition of landscape paintings has opened at a Shrewsbury art gallery.

Painted by David Holland of Guilsfield, near Welshpool, the oils on canvas depict scenes from Shropshire, Wales and France and are influenced by the Impressionist movement.

The paintings are on display at the Bear Steps Gallery, St Alkmonds, Shrewsbury and the exhibition will run until Saturday. They are influenced by the Impressionist movement. The gallery is open from 10am to 4pm daily.

* PREPARATIONS for Llanfyllin Show are ramping up following a well attended annual president's lunch. This year's show president, retired businessman Phil Ellis, welcomed 220 guests to the lunch held in a marquee at Bodfach Park by kind permission of the Bodfach Trust and Janet Jones. Entertainment was provided by Parti Perlais.Known as the 'friendly show' because of the warm welcome extended to visitors, Llanfyllin Show attracts around 5,000 visitors. Star attraction at this year's event on Saturday, August 12 is the Kangaroo Kid, world record quad bike stuntman from Gold Coast, Australia.

Coming soon...

Zones lined up for UK Dairy Day

One of the farming world's biggest events will feature new zones this year, organisers have revealed. Telford's International Centre will host UK Dairy Day on September 13. At last year's event, there were 7,740 visitors,171 cattle on-site and 300 dairy businesses exhibiting. It was the largest event since its launch three years beforehand. Organisers are now gearing up for this year's dairy trade event and say trade stand space has already sold out. More than 300 dairy-related businesses from across the UK, Europe and further afield will be coming together for the event. New zones to be introduced this year include the NBDC Dairy Breed Village, Making More from Milk Zone and the Calf Rearing Zone. The NBDC Breed Village will be a dedicated area where breed societies can promote their clubs and membership. Sponsored by the National Bovine Data Centre, there will be displays and representatives from Guernsey Cattle Society, Jersey, Shorthorn Society and Ayrshire. The NBDC will also be showcasing dairy performance statistics and the type classification service. In the Newport Suite, visitors can learn about farm diversification in the Making More from Milk Zone. People can get advice on how to add value to dairy enterprises and milk production through initiatives like vending machines, making ice cream or yoghurts or creating a new supply chain. The Calf Rearing Zone will be sponsored by Volac and will be located outside of the International Centre.

Fabulous family fun at farm

Children will be able to explore the watery world of the River Tern in a summer activity planned at a community farm.

The river dipping event will be held at Fordhall Organic Farm in Tern Hill, near Market Drayton, on Wednesday from 10am until 12.30pm.

Visitors will be able to take a stroll across organic farmland and then discover the wildlife in the River Tern.

Children might be able to spot otters, eel, crayfish or even a secretive kingfisher. Children must be aged three and above and should be accompanied by an adult. Sessions costs £3.50 child.

Packed lunches for younger children may be advisable. To reserve a place call 01630 638696.

There is also a host of other summer activities taking place at the farm this year.

Charlotte Hollins, manager, said: "The summer events are aimed at helping youngsters understand the importance of the countryside and wildlife surrounding the farm. There is a summer holiday programme which runs for two days each week throughout August catering for ages two to 16."

Maria Bagnall, events officer, said: "Activities range from story time with the Gruffalo to making beauty products from natural ingredients such as lip balms and face creams, bush craft, raft building and a fire starting class."

More information can be found on www.fordhallfarm.com

Enjoy Austen's famous work

A new production of Pride and Prejudice takes to the stage with an indoor performance at Church Stretton School on Wednesday at 7.30pm. Alan Stockbridge, one of the organisers, said: "A stunning new production of Pride and Prejudice takes place by Chapterhouse Theatre Company at Church Stretton School, and 'sparks will fly' when the spirited Elizabeth Bennet meets single, rich and proud Mr Darcy. "Brought to life by award winning writer Laura Tuner, this brand-new adaptation celebrates the 200th Anniversary of Jane Austen's death and promises to be another splendid theatrical evening.

"Our audience will be able to lose themselves in this unforgettable love story. After all, it is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife. So why not take a step back in time to meet Elizabeth Bennet, Jane Austen's most loveable heroine?" Tickets and details are available from Gloria Carter on (01694).

August 5

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Pointless Celebrities
5.25pm
Edition focusing on the subject of history, with Kate Williams, Adam Hart-Davis, Janina Ramirez, Andrew Graham-Dixon, Ben Willbond, Laurence Rickard, Lars Tharp and Tim Wonnacott.

What We Did on Our Holiday
10.30pm
Three children give away all the secrets of their parents' troubled marriage while visiting their grandfather. Comedy drama, starring Rosamund Pike and David Tennant.

You've Been Framed! Bites Back!
8pm
Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including an angry woman who throws a dart into her husband's leg.

Britain at Low Tide
7pm
Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands use state-of-the-art technology to comb the nation's exposed coastlines, first heading out to the Northumbrian coastline.

Football on 5: The Championship
9pm
Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sunderland v Derby County and Aston Villa v Hull City.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
10.00 **Saturday Kitchen Live.** Game of Thrones actress Gemma Whelan (Yara Greyjoy) joins Matt Tebbutt in the studio kitchen to sample dishes prepared by chefs Dan Doherty and Ian Orr.
11.30 **Nadiya's British Food Adventure.** Nadiya Hussain heads to East Anglia on her culinary road trip, going out to sea with Norfolk fisherman Richard Matthews to catch crabs for Vietnamese-style summer rolls. (R)
12.00 **Bargain Hunt.** A pair of nurses takes on a duo of paramedics in Derby, with the assistance of Nick Hall and Jonathan Pratt. Elsewhere, Tim Wonnacott visits the Museum of Childhood. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Homeowners in Maryport, Cumbria, discover their house has an extra room they never new existed. Also includes insight into redevelopments in East Staffordshire and Kent. (R)
2.00 FILM: **I Am Bolt (2016).** Documentary about the life and career of world-record breaking Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt, who has won the 100m and 200m gold medals at the last three Olympics.
3.30 **The Heroes of Super Saturday: Jess, Mo & Greg.** Michael Johnson takes a look back at the day of competition known as "Super Saturday" at the 2012 Olympic Games, focusing on Jessica Ennis-Hill, Mo Farah and Greg Rutherford. (R)
4.25 **Escape to the Continent.** Anita Rani goes house-hunting in the Poitou-Charentes region of France to help a Gloucestershire couple who are looking for a new start. (R)
5.25 **Pointless Celebrities.** Edition focusing on the subject of history, with Kate Williams, Adam Hart-Davis, Janina Ramirez, Andrew Graham-Dixon, Ben Willbond, Laurence Rickard, Lars Tharp and Tim Wonnacott. (R)
6.10 **BBC News.**
6.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
6.30 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the second night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, which will include the men's 100m final.
10.00 **BBC News;** Weather; **National Lottery Update.**
10.20 FILM: **Mrs Brown's Boys D'Movie (2014).** The indomitable Irish matriarch fights to defend Dublin's famous street market from being sold off to developers. Comedy, starring Brendan O'Carroll and Jennifer Gibney.
11.55 FILM: **I Know What You Did Last Summer (1997).** Four teenagers are stalked by a shadowy figure threatening to make them pay for past misdeeds. Horror, starring Jennifer Love Hewitt and Sarah Michelle Gellar.
1.30 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.35 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.10 FILM: **The Spanish Main (1945).** Swashbuckling adventure, starring Paul Henreid.
7.45 FILM: **The Magic Box (1951).** Biopic of cinema pioneer William Friese-Greene, starring Robert Donat.
9.30 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the morning session on day two at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including the opening two disciplines of the heptathlon.
2.00 **Food & Drink.** Gennaro Contaldo creates an authentic lasagne. (R)
2.30 **Flog It!** From Manchester's Museum of Science and Industry. (R)
3.20 **Mastermind.** Specialist subjects include Margaret Atwood's MaddAddam trilogy. (R)
3.50 **University Challenge.** Southampton takes on Cardiff. (R)
4.20 **Only Connect.** A team of geocachers takes on a trio from York with an interest in Vikings. (R)
4.50 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don plants a new bed of irises and takes pelargonium cuttings. (R)
5.50 **The Sweet Makers: A Victorian Treat.** Four modern confectioners use original recipes to recreate a Victorian sweet shop. (R)
6.50 **Proms Extra.** Katie Derham, Stuart Skelton, Ailish Tynan and Ken Burton discuss Beethoven's Symphony No 9. Plus, a Proms centenary tribute to Ella Fitzgerald and Dizzy Gillespie.
7.30 **Royal Cousins at War.** Part one of two. The impact the relationships between cousins Nicholas II of Russia, Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany and the UK's George V had on the outbreak of the First World War. (R)
8.30 **Dad's Army.** Corporal Jones finds himself cast adrift during an exercise pitting Mainwaring and his home-front heroes against their arch-rival Captain Square. (R)
9.00 **Billy Connolly: Portrait of a Lifetime.** A programme celebrating the life and career of Billy Connolly, as three Scottish artists each create a new portrait of the comedian and actor.
10.00 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents reaction to and analysis of the second night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.
10.30 FILM: **What We Did on Our Holiday (2014).** Three children give away all the secrets of their parents' troubled marriage while visiting their grandfather. Comedy drama, starring Rosamund Pike and David Tennant.
11.55 **Golf: Women's Open Highlights.** Eilidh Barbour presents action from the third day of the event, which this year is staged at Kingsbarns Golf Links in Fife.
1.00 FILM: **In the House (2012).** A teacher encourages a pupil to write about his relationship with a wealthy family, which feeds unhealthy obsessions. Drama, with Fabrice Luchini.
2.40 **This Is BBC2.** Preview of upcoming programmes from BBC2.

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Sooty **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **6.45** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Oddbods **7.05** Oddbods **7.15** Super 4 **7.25** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **7.40** Mr Bean: The Animated Series **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With guests Donny Osmond, Antony Costa and Sarah Jayne Dunn.
9.25 **ITV Racing: The Opening Show.** A look ahead to the day's racing on the final day of the Goodwood Festival.
10.20 **Gok's Lunchbox.** A recruitment manager, a dog groomer and a home cook rustle up pork dishes. (R)
11.15 **1000 Heartbeats.** Quiz show, hosted by Vernon Kay. (R)
12.15 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **Tipping Point.** Ben Shephard hosts the arcade-themed quiz show, in which contestants drop tokens down a choice of four chutes in the hope of winning a £10,000 jackpot. (R)
1.30 **ITV Racing Live: Goodwood Festival.** Ed Chamberlin and Francesca Cumani present coverage of the fifth and final day of the event, where the main race of the day is the Qatar Stewards Cup at 3.35.
4.00 **The Chase.** Quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh. (R)
5.00 **Little Big Shots USA.** A young singer performs Motown songs.
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.05 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.15 **You've Been Framed! Bites Back!** Harry Hill narrates a comical selection of mishaps filmed by viewers, including an angry woman who throws a dart into her husband's leg. (R)
7.15 **Catchphrase.** Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show in which three contestants guess the familiar phrases hidden in animated clues, before one of them plays to win £50,000.
8.00 FILM: **The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (2014).** Premiere. Dwarf king Thorin descends into madness as his homeland stands on the brink of war. Conclusion of the fantasy adventure trilogy, with Martin Freeman and Richard Armitage.
10.35 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.50 FILM: **GoldenEye (1995).** James Bond goes in pursuit of a satellite weapon that has fallen into the hands of a criminal mastermind. Spy adventure, with Pierce Brosnan, Sean Bean and Izabella Scorupco.
1.20 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas.
3.00 **The Hungry Sailors.** Dick and James Strawbridge sail into Fowey, Cornwall, where they harvest bananas at the Eden Project, fish for sea trout at night and try their hand at potting clotted cream. (R)
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.

Channel 4

6.10 **Tenerife Bluetrail.** Action from the trail running event.
6.40 **Motor Sport: Chateau Impney Hill Climb.** Action from this year's staging of the event.
7.35 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** (R)
8.00 **Everybody Loves Raymond.** Part one of two. The Barones recall their wedding day. (R)
8.30 **Frasier.** Bebe advises Frasier to feign illness. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The Crane brothers buy into a restaurant. (R)
9.30 **Frasier.** (R)
10.00 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
10.25 **The Big Bang Theory.** (R)
10.55 **The Simpsons.** (R)
11.25 **The Simpsons.** (R)
11.55 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** Part one of two. A failing Italian restaurant in Boston, Massachusetts. (R)
12.50 **Four in a Bed.** The first visit is to Newton House in Knaresborough, North Yorkshire. (R)
1.20 **Four in a Bed.** The second visit of the competition is to The Highlands Pub in Blackpool. (R)
1.55 **Four in a Bed.** The third day takes place at the White House, Brighton. (R)
2.25 **Four in a Bed.** The guests cook their own breakfast at Wakes Hall Lodges near Colchester. (R)
3.00 **Four in a Bed.** The B&B owners meet for the last time to settle some scores. (R)
3.30 **A Place in the Sun: Winter Sun.** Childhood sweethearts look for a holiday home in Portugal's Algarve. (R)
4.35 **Big House, Little House.** Home-expanding projects in Huddersfield and south-east London.
5.35 **Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It.** A couple in the Scottish Borders who are undecided about their Victorian villa. (R)
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **Britain at Low Tide.** Tori Herridge and Alex Langlands use state-of-the-art technology to comb the nation's exposed coastlines, first heading out to the Northumbrian coastline. (R)
8.00 **Paul O'Grady's Hollywood.** New series. The TV presenter sets out to determine the essential qualities of cinematic masterpieces, beginning with what makes "classic weepies" like Titanic so memorable.
9.00 FILM: **Red (2010).** A retired CIA agent survives an assassination attempt, and reunites his old hit squad to find out who wants them dead. Action thriller, starring Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman.
11.10 FILM: **American Reunion (2012).** Old friends attending a high-school reunion make disastrous attempts to relive their teens. Comedy sequel to the American Pie movies, with Jason Biggs.
1.15 **Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA.** (R)
2.05 **The Last Leg.** (R)
3.00 **Hollyoaks.**
5.05 **Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.** (R)

Channel 5

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10.40 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)
10.55 **Dogs Make You Laugh Out Loud.**
11.20 **Police Interceptors.** (R)
12.15 **Police Interceptors.** Damo Stevens pursues a heroin dealer. (R)
1.15 **Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun.** (R)
2.10 **Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun.** A catch up with some of the big characters from the season. (R)
3.10 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R)
4.05 **The Nightmare Neighbour Next Door.** (R)
5.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** An agent is assaulted in a doorstep confrontation. (R)
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7.00 **Cricket on 5.** England v South Africa. Highlights of the second day's play in the final Test of the four-match series, which took place at Old Trafford in Manchester.
8.00 **Can't Pay? We'll Take It Away.** The enforcement agents try to mediate a dispute in a takeaway, and deal with rent evaders living in potentially deadly conditions. Plus, a businessmen faces financial ruin. (R)
8.55 **5 News Weekend.**
9.00 **Football on 5: The Championship.** Highlights from the latest games in the Championship, which included Sunderland v Derby County, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Middlesbrough, and Aston Villa v Hull City.
9.50 **Football on 5: Goal Rush.** Goals from the weekend's games in Leagues One and Two, which included Southend United v Blackburn Rovers, and Forest Green Rovers v Barnet.
10.20 **Celebrity Big Brother.** Highlights of the housemates' past 24 hours under the all-seeing eye of Big Brother, as they try to get used to living alongside one another.
11.20 **Queens of Pop.** A compilation of hit music videos by chart-topping female soloists, highlighting how women have dominated the music industry like never before during the past 10 years.
12.15 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Royal Funerals: The Inside Story.** (R)
4.00 **A Right Royal Scandal.** (R)
4.50 **Great Artists.** (R)
5.20 **Wildlife SOS.** (R)
5.45 **Chinese Food in Minutes.** (R)

August 6

sunday

Countryfile
5.30pm
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Golf: Women's Open Highlights
11.30pm
Eilidh Barbour presents action from the fourth and final day of the event, which this year was staged at Kingsbarns Golf Links in Fife.

The Chase Celebrity Special
6.30pm
Phil Daniels, Janette Manrara, Isabel Hodgins and Roy Hudd answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.

The King's Speech
9.50pm
The stammering son of George V seeks the help of an eccentric Australian speech therapist as he rises suddenly to the throne. Fact-based drama, with Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush.

Dirty Dancing
5.10pm
A dance instructor at a 1960s resort teaches a naive teenager about self-expression as they perform in an important show. Romantic drama, with Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey.

BBC1

6.00 **Breakfast.**
9.00 **BBC News.**
10.00 **Sunday Morning Live.** Sean Fletcher and Emma Barnett present more topical debate covering religious, moral and ethical issues, with guest panellists and contributions from viewers.
11.00 **Homes Under the Hammer.** Developers Lucy Alexander and Martin Roberts explore three terraced houses about to be auctioned in London, the Midlands and Devon, before meeting their new owners. (R)
12.00 **Bargain Hunt.** Catherine Southon and Paul Laidlaw head to Edinburgh to help teams of forensic scientists and lecturers find potentially profitable items to take to auction. (R)
1.00 **BBC News;** Weather.
1.15 **Wallace & Gromit: A Grand Day Out.** The animated heroes go to the moon. (R)
1.40 FILM: **Frozen (2013).** A princess tries to save her sister, whose magic has plunged the kingdom into eternal winter. Disney animated adventure, with the voices of Kristen Bell and Idina Menzel.
3.10 **Escape to the Country.** Searching for a home in the Cotswolds. (R)
3.40 **Songs of Praise.** A village built by a Christian entrepreneur.
4.15 **Pointless Celebrities.** Peter Ratcliffe, Jeff Salmon, Jacqueline Gold, Richard Farleigh, Tim Campbell, Saira Khan, Michelle Mone and Declan Curry take part in a business-themed edition of the quiz. (R)
5.00 **BBC News.**
5.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
5.30 **Countryfile.** Ellie Harrison investigates the role flowers and plants play in everyday life, visiting a herb garden in Bristol and meeting schoolchildren who are cultivating rare orchids.
6.30 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including the conclusion of the heptathlon with the 800m. Coverage continues on BBC2.
9.00 **Poldark.** Ross is put in charge of a group of volunteers to defend the Cornish coast as French ships are spotted on the horizon, and George plans to get rid of Drake. Last in the series.
10.00 **BBC News.**
10.20 **Midlands Today; Weather.**
10.30 **MOTD: Community Shield Highlights.** Chelsea v Arsenal. Action from the traditional curtain-raiser to the top-flight campaign, as the Premier League and FA Cup-winners clash at Wembley Stadium.
11.15 FILM: **The Recruit (2003).** A hacker is recruited into the CIA and is given a top-secret assignment to root out a mole within the agency's training programme. Thriller, starring Al Pacino and Colin Farrell.
1.05 **Weather for the Week Ahead.**
1.10 **BBC News.**

BBC2

6.20 **The Instant Gardener.** Transforming a weed-choked pond. (R)
7.05 **Gardeners' World.** Monty Don plants a new bed of irises and takes pelargonium cuttings, Carol Klein pays the first of two visits to West Yorkshire, and Nick Bailey brightens up a dull and shady space. (R)
8.05 **The Beechgrove Garden.** Chris plants a range of hostas in the Beechgrove Cottage Garden.
8.35 **Countryfile.** A look at green spaces and wildlife in urban areas. Anita Rani visits a haven for animals in Stoke Newington, and Sean Fletcher meets Manchester airport's environment team. (R)
9.30 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents coverage of the morning session on day three at The London Stadium, including the long jump and javelin disciplines of the heptathlon.
5.00 **Britain's Ancient Capital: Secrets of Orkney.** Neil Oliver, Chris Packham, Andy Torbet and Shini Somara investigate recent archaeological finds on Orkney indicating it was the cultural capital of Stone Age Britain. (R)
6.00 **Steve Backshall's Extreme Mountain Challenge.** Part one of two. The naturalist leads a team of rock climbers across Venezuela's tepuis – sheer-sided mountains surrounded by jungle – braving wildlife and rapids to reach them. (R)
7.00 **Inside the Factory.** Gregg Wallace investigates Europe's largest biscuit factory in London, while Cherry Healey looks into the chocolate added to the beloved digestive. (R)
8.00 **Secrets of Silicon Valley.** Part one of two. Jamie Bartlett investigates how technology companies are shaping the future of the world, and the potential negative consequences of the drive towards progress.
9.00 **World Athletics Championships 2017.** Gabby Logan presents further coverage of the third night of events at The London Stadium in Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, including the women's 100m final.
10.30 **Gareth Thomas: Hate in the Beautiful Game.** Former Wales and Lions rugby union captain Gareth Thomas investigates what is preventing gay footballers from coming out, talking to players, fans and managers in a bid to find out.
11.30 **Golf: Women's Open Highlights.** Eilidh Barbour presents action from the fourth and final day of the event.
12.30 **Sign Zone: Countryfile.** A look at green spaces and wildlife in urban areas. Anita Rani visits a haven for animals in Stoke Newington, and Sean Fletcher meets Manchester airport's environment team. (R)
1.25 **Sign Zone: Holby City.** Nina strikes a deal with a face from her past, party animal Morven makes a regretful decision, and Sacha struggles with the new woman in his life. (R)

ITV

6.00 **CITV:** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.10** Grizzly Tales for Gruesome Kids **6.20** Sooty **6.30** Signed Stories: Share a Story **6.35** Dino Dan: Trek's Adventures **7.00** Oddbods **7.05** Oddbods **7.15** Super 4 **7.30** Ninjago: Rebooted **8.00** Thunderbirds Are Go
8.25 **ITV News.**
8.30 **Weekend.** With guests Vicky Pattison, Jason Byrne and Jack Ellis.
9.25 **Judge Rinder.** Real-life cases in a studio courtroom. (R)
10.20 **Long Lost Family.** A father searches for his son from a previous relationship in the 1970s. (R)
11.20 **Love Your Garden.** Alan Titchmarsh and his team transform a garden in Southampton. (R)
12.20 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
12.25 **James Martin's French Adventure.** The culinary highlights of the lakeside town of Annecy. (R)
12.55 **Rebound.** Quiz, hosted by Sean Fletcher. (R)
1.55 **Tipping Point.** Game show, hosted by Ben Shephard. (R)
2.55 **Bear Grylls Survival School.** The youngsters battle for the role of group leader. (R)
3.25 FILM: **The Living Daylights (1987).** James Bond adventure, starring Timothy Dalton.
6.00 **ITV News Central;** Weather.
6.15 **ITV News and Weather.**
6.30 **The Chase Celebrity Special.** Phil Daniels, Janette Manrara, Isabel Hodgins and Roy Hudd answer general knowledge questions and work as a team to secure a cash prize for charity. Presented by Bradley Walsh.
7.30 FILM: **Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (2009).** The wizard must uncover the secrets of Lord Voldemort's past to try to end the evil sorcerer's reign of terror. Fantasy adventure sequel, with Daniel Radcliffe and Michael Gambon.
10.25 **ITV News and Weather;** Weather.
10.40 **Judge Rinder's Crime Stories.** Barrister Robert Rinder reveals the story of a gang of criminals who attempted to steal the world's most perfectly formed diamond from the Millennium Dome in November 2000. (R)
11.40 **Take Me Out.** A fitness instructor, a pianist, a research executive and a construction worker submit themselves for approval in front of Paddy McGuinness's panel of 30 single ladies. (R)
12.40 **Jackpot247.** Viewers get the chance to participate in live interactive gaming from the comfort of their sofas, with a mix of roulette-wheel spins and lively chat from the presenting team.
3.00 **Motorsport UK.** Richard John Neil presents racing from Croft.
3.50 **ITV Nightscreen.** Text-based information service.
5.05 **The Jeremy Kyle Show.** The host invites guests to air their differences over family and relationship issues, and provides them with his own brand of no-nonsense advice. (R)

Channel 4

6.00 **Kirstie's Vintage Gems.** A couple's bedroom receives a makeover. (R)
6.10 **Last Man Standing.** Mandy seeks revenge on her deceitful boyfriend.
6.35 **Cycling: Gigante De Piedra.** Action from the event held in the Castellon region of Spain.
7.00 **Motor Sport: Armoy Road Race Build-Up.** Documentary looking at the history of the annual event.
7.30 **Motor Sport: Armoy Road Race 2017.** Action from the annual event.
8.30 **Frasier.** A new manager joins the radio station. (R)
9.00 **Frasier.** The Crane brothers set up practice together. (R)
9.30 **Sunday Brunch.** With guests Blake Harrison and John Gordon Sinclair.
12.30 **George Clarke's Amazing Spaces.** A couple turning a public toilet into a clifftop holiday home. (R)
1.30 **The Simpsons.** Homer goes to prison. (R)
2.00 **The Simpsons.** Marge sends Homer to a mental institution. (R)
2.30 **The Simpsons.** Bart becomes a Catholic. With the voice of Liam Neeson. (R)
3.00 **UEFA Women's Euro 2017: The Final Live.** Coverage of the showpiece match (Kick-off 4.00pm).
6.30 **Channel 4 News.**
7.00 **The Mystery of the Crossrail Skulls.** Documentary examining the discovery of dozens of Roman-era skulls beneath London's Liverpool Street station and the theories that have developed about who they belonged to. (R)
8.00 **Diana: In Her Own Words.** Documentary featuring never-before-seen footage of Diana, Princess of Wales, recorded by her speech consultant as she sought to present her own version of events.
9.50 FILM: **The King's Speech (2010).** The stammering son of George V seeks the help of an eccentric Australian speech therapist as he rises suddenly to the throne. Fact-based drama, with Colin Firth and Geoffrey Rush.
12.00 FILM: **The Anomaly (2014).** A former soldier with parts of his memory erased goes on the run from a sinister conspiracy. Sci-fi thriller, directed by and starring Noel Clarke, with Ian Somerhalder.
1.40 **60 Days in Jail.** Two participants find themselves on the brink of dropping out. (R)
2.30 **Location, Location, Location.** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer assist two couples who are searching for new homes in Hertfordshire, including a newly engaged pair of accountants. (R)
3.25 **Selling Houses with Amanda Lamb.** Three homeowners in Luton compete to sell their homes. (R)
4.20 **Gillette World Sport.** An interview with Usain Bolt ahead of the World Athletics Championships.
4.50 **KOTV Boxing Weekly.**
5.15 **Shipping Wars UK.** Items include a Piaggio tuk tuk and a pair of swan pedalo boats. (R)

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11.30 FILM: **Cheaper By the Dozen 2 (2005).** Comedy sequel, starring Steve Martin.
1.20 **The Royals: Young, Rich & Famous.** The lives of the younger members of the royal family. (R)
2.15 **Inside Buckingham Palace: The Queen's Worst Year.** An in-depth look at the events of 1992. (R)
3.15 **Inside Buckingham Palace.** Part one of two. Behind-the-scenes at Buckingham Palace. (R)
4.15 **Inside Buckingham Palace.** Part two of two. Reflecting on the symbol of everything British. (R)
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7.55 **5 News Weekend.**
8.00 **Dads Make You Laugh Out Loud.** Compilation of internet videos featuring fathers doing bizarre things, including a showcase of the world's most ridiculous dad dancing and some DIY dentistry involving a helicopter. (R)
9.00 **Celebrity Big Brother.** The ups and downs of life in the BB house as friendships and alliances are made, battle lines are drawn and arguments erupt.
10.00 **The Last Days of Patrick Swayze.** Forensic pathologist Dr Jason Payne-James examines the death of the movie star in 2009 from pancreatic cancer, a condition that had left him all but unrecognisable.
11.05 FILM: **Point Break (1991).** An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a Californian surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze.
1.15 **SuperCasino.**
3.10 **Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun.** (R)
4.00 **The Railways That Built Britain with Chris Tarrant.** (R)
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KATIE 35yrs, slender well educated brunette seeks no strings mutual pleasure with gent 40+ Must be discreet, married or single. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3003 Box 419673**

FEMALE 66, smoker, enjoys music, TV, meals out/in, looking for male, 68-75, for friendship maybe more. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 4416972**

JANE, young 41, very broadminded seeks chap any age for discreet no strings fun, any age, no time wasters ACA. **Tel: No: 0906 515 3011 Box: 409715**

JAN 40s, small outgoing affectionate blonde, likes cuddles, seeks romantic male to share special times and bring sunshine into her life. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428089**

SOPHIA young 40yrs, married but bored, seeks discreet adult fun, any area, all calls answered. **Tel: 0906 515 3019 Box: 413399**

MARY 46, shy curvy brunette looking for someone to be a good fun friend, to laugh with and love. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428073**

EMILY, mature well educated lady, blonde and smart and broadminded seeks gent any age for no strings fun. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3023 Box 421375**

ATTRACTIVE lady 61yrs young. Looking for friendship, maybe more with genuine gent. I'm feminine and curvy. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428157**

TAMIKA, mature black beauty, hourglass figure and open minded. Pls call if you are discreet, broad minded and nice. I can travel and accommodate. ACA. **Tel: 0906 515 3007 Box 422365**

CHRISTINE, 60 something lady, blue eyed blonde. Sincere, solvent and kind. Call me if you are interested in meeting up. Looks unimportant. Must be N/S. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428155**

SAMANTHA, 35yrs, attractive brunette with own business, seeks adventurous gent for casual relationship. **Tel: 0906 515 3035 Box 425979**

CAROL, attractive lady 55yrs young, slim, tanned, brunette. If you are genuine and looking to date then call or text me. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428153**

TAMARA, 44yrs, beautiful Indian lady seeks a Muslim gent 40+ **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428147**

HARRIETT 42yrs, blue eyed brunette with long lets and decent curves! Looking for a cheeky adventurous man for fun only. I live alone so can accommodate and can travel. Discretion assured. ACA. Give me a try. **Tel: 0906 515 3031 Box 426205**

GENUINE caring lady 65yrs, varied interests, solvent, loves life, feminine, WLTM gent of any age for life's pleasures. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428151**

CARMEL, open minded naughty lady seeks a broad minded strict man to unleash her wilder side. Age/looks unimportant but no time wasters please. **Tel: 0906 515 3043 Box 426851**

RACHAEL, 50yrs, blue-eyed attractive lady, loves films, music and home life. WLTM gent 50-70yrs. ACA or text. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428149**

CAROLINE, 42yrs, well educated, sophisticated "some call me posh" married lady, looking for no strings midweek liaisons. **Tel: 0906 515 3027 Box 427533**

TINA, 47yrs, GSOH and good figure with average looks. I want a similar man, GSOH looks unimportant. Age is but a number. I have no car but can accommodate. **Text Only. Box: 4145368**

IF you are interested in meeting an attractive black lady then please call me. I'm Nikki, 57yrs, attractive, interested and kind. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428145**

JANE, new to area, hoping to meet an older gent. I am 38yrs, brunette with boyish leggy figure. N/S with GSOH. I've a good job and small flat which I own. **Text Only. Box: 4099268**

SLIM attractive lady, 59yrs, feminine, kind, loves life. Call me or text me your number and let's meet up. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428143**

MANDY, 64yrs but still fit and sexy. Hoping to meet younger local lad for good daytime fun. Chats and texts any time. **Text Only. Box: 4050784**

ATTRACTIVE widow, attractive, blonde, GSOH, solvent with good figure. All that's missing is a nice man 60+. Call me if you are interested. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428139**

MICHELLE, 37, pretty, very fit, well travelled seeks active, broadminded male to share new experiences and adventures with. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427897**

CAROL, 60 something lady with a wicked sense of humour, please call or text for more info. I promise to reply to all callers. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428141**

PAULINE, 59yrs, nurse who loves her uniform! I'm married but work odd hours so can meet easily. ACA. **Text Only. Box: 4110283**

TRACY, 68yrs, recently retired and has time on her hands. Would love to meet a much much much younger chap for carefree times. **Text Only. Box: 4006039**

LADY, 63, WLTM a gentleman of similar age, for friendship and outings. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428029**

HELLO, my name is Pia, I am a very petite, kind and respectful Asian girl, hoping to meet an older white man. I'm 23yrs old and have just moved her. **Text Only. Box: 4177099**

ATTRACTIVE, slim brunette, 54, widow, kind, caring, romantic, enjoys the arts, sightseeing, dining out, seeks professional gent with GSOH and family values, with mutual interests. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428013**

GEORGINA, 50s, attractive, happy blonde, loves sport, theatre, seeks intelligent, lively male to share the fun side of life with. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 428053**

SUE 53, voluptuous, outgoing, cuddly and bubbly, loves a joke and just wants fun, flirting and laughter in her life again, seeks her Mr Charming. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427913**

MICHELLE, 28yrs blue eyed blonde with busty figure. I'm very mature for my age and hope to meet a man to care for. I'm willing to please. Call or text me and I will get straight back to you. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427649**

EMMA 56, active and always on the go, seeks fit, active, country loving guy who shares passion for the outdoors. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427811**

ATTRACTIVE lady, 57yrs, great sense of humour, now looking for good times and good memories. Hoping to meet gent any age. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427883**

GEMMA, 25yrs, green eyed brunette lady, loves to read raunchy books so has a huge imagination, hoping to expand upon it in real life. Call me. ACA. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427881**

ATTRACTIVE lonely widow, mid 70s seeking gent for friendship. Pls call or text. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427879**

STUNNINGLY attractive black lady, 50s, with blissful imagination, you have to call to hear what's on offer, you won't be sorry!! **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427877**

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PAM, 40, cuddly feminine young looking female, OHAC, financially secure, looking for fun times without complications with likeminded male. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427753**

Single Men

JACK 23, single, tall, young looking guy, kind and respectful, seeking female age/looks not important for mutual NSA fun. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6026038**

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MALE, 47, fit, slim, honest man, seeking nice, slim, honest lady for LTR, going out for drinks and having good times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427923**

MALE, dark hair, dark eyes, slim, 47, likes walking, camping, pubs, dancing, looking for a slim, honest lady, for fun times and LTR. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427831**

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I am Kev, 57, looking for a lady in my life. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6023170**

SHAUN, 50, honest, reliable, OHOC, employed, animal lover, likes walks in the country, meals out in country pubs, walking my dogs, looking for my soul mate. If you would like to know more get in touch. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427497**

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MARK, 25yrs, 6ft6in, tall, good slim body with my own place. Seeks older lady who is still up for it. Txt me. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 5979541**

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SINGLE male, 43, looking for female friends for txt, phone chats, maybe more. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6017886**

MALE, 47, fit, slim, honest man, seeking nice, slim, honest lady for LTR, going out for drinks and having good times together. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427923**

MALE 40s, 5ft 8ins, brown hair, seeks lovely honest girl for fun and friendship please. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6018513**

MARK 40s, from the Birmingham area WLTM a female, any nationality, for LTR. **Text only replies. Mailbox: 6016342**

MALE, 50, brown hair, brown eyes, average looks, 16 and a half stone, good sense of humour, animal lover with loads of love and security to give to the right person. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 418783**

HI my name is Jay. I'm looking for a lady to have a lovely evening with, maybe once or twice a week. Looking forward to hearing from you soon. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 427927**

MALE 5ft 8ins, average looks, seeking genuine, honest, caring female. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 413945**

HI my name is Ben. I am 43 years old, 5ft7, slim build, smart dresser, looking for a bored similar lady for naughty texting. **Text only Replies. Mailbox: 6007244**

PHIL 55, divorced, 5ft 10ins, slim, OHAC, seeks female, 18 plus for discreet adult fun. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 401875**

GENUINE 56yr old male, divorced, OHAC, looking for nice lady for friendship, maybe more. Wolverhampton. **Tel No: 0906 500 3724 Box No: 405551**

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2014 64	**HONDA JAZZ 1.4 ES+ i VTEC** Silver Metallic, 32,400 Miles, Climate Air Con, Privacy Glass, FSH	£7,999
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2007 07	**LANDROVER DISCOVERY 2.7 TDV6 HSE,** Manual, Metallic Green, Manuel, 117,000 miles, FSH	SOLD
2014 64	**MAZDA CX5 AWD 2.2 Diesel SPORT,** Manual, Metallic Red, Leather, Sat Nav, FSH, 22,000 miles	£17,499
2013 63	**MERCEDES CLA 220 AMG CDi AUTO SALOON,** Grey Metallic, Full Leather, Pan Roof, 33,000 Miles FSH	SOLD
2005 55	**MERCEDES A180 CDi** 5-door, Manual, Metallic Silver, 81,000 miles	£2,999
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2014 14	**NISSAN NOTE ACENTA 1.5 DCi** 5 DOOR, Red, One Owner, 26,500 Miles, FSH, Zero Road Tax	£6,999
2007 07	**PEUGEOT 207 1.6 HDi GT,** 5 Door Red, 105,000 miles	SOLD
2014 14	**PEUGEOT RCZ 1.6 GT COUPE,** Grey Metallic with White Leather, 19" Alloys, One Owner, Only 10,000 Miles	£13,999
2006 06	**RENAULT CLIO 1.6 AUTO,** 5 door, Metallic Silver, only 49,000 miles, FSH	£2,499
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2017 66	**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA TOURER 1.4 DESIGN,** Seven Seater, Silver Metallic, One Owner, 4,000 Miles	SOLD
2011 61	**VAUXHALL ZAFIRA 1.6 DESIGN 7 SEATER MPV,** SILVER METALLIC, 76,400 Miles, FSH	£4,999
2014 64	**VAUXHALL INSIGNIA 2.0 CDTI SRi NAV,** Hatch Back, Metalic Silver, 24,000 miles, 1 Owner, FSH	£10,499
2015 15	**VAUXHALL ADAM 1.2** 3 DOOR, Bright Yellow With Black Roof & Alloys, 12,600 Miles	£8,999
2013 12	**VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TDi R-Line,** manual, Metallic Black, Leather, 68,000 miles, FSH	£10,999
2006 S6	**VOLKSWAGEN EOS 2.0 TFSi SPORT** Manual, Metallic Blue, Leather, 103,000 miles, FSH	£4,299
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2014 64 MAZDA CX5 AWD 2.2 Diesel SPORT, Manual, Metallic Red, Leather, Sat Nav, FSH, 22,000 miles
£17,499

2013 12 VW SCIROCCO 2.0 TDi R-Line,
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11 **FORD FOCUS 1.6 ZETEC** Black ..... SOLD
08 **VW JETTA SE TDi 140,** Black Service History ..... ~~£3795~~ £3295
07 **BMW 116 ISE** 77k, Service History ..... SOLD
06 **BMW X3 2.0 DIESEL** Black £4995
61 **VAUXHALL CORSA EXCITE 1.2** Red, lady ownerOnly £3995
60 **VAUXHALL CORSA** Ecoflex Silver, 35k ..... ~~£3995~~ £3395
59 **CITROEN C3 AIRDREAM + HDi** Diesel, Cheap Road Tax ..... SOLD
58 **CITROEN C3 RHYTHM 1.4 HDi** Diesel, Black £2195
58 **BMW 118 SE Diesel,** Grey Metallic ..... ~~£5595~~ £4995
56 **TOYOTA YARIS T SPIRIT 1.3,** Silver, Beautiful Condition, MP3 Player . ~~£3175~~ £2875
56 **VAUXHALL VECTRA Exclusive 1.8** Red Metallic £2895
06 **VAUXHALL ZAFIRA Active 1.6,** low mileage, beautiful car ..... SOLD
54 **FORD FIESTA FLAME** 5-dr. Silver £2495

CONVERTIBLES

04 **VAUXHALL TIGRA SPORT,** Silver £1295
03 **FORD STREET KA** Blue Convertible £1795

4X4/ COMMERCIALS

57 **SSANGYONG REXTON 2.7 TDI,** Silver £3,575
04 **TOYOTA RAV XT 4 DIESEL,** Silver £2,295
02 **JEEP CHEROKEE 3.7 AUTO,** Limited Edition, Low Miles for year £1,450
08 **HONDA CRV 2.0 ES V-Tec AUTO,** Red ..... ~~£4595~~ £4195
60 **CITROEN BERLINGO 1.6 HDi Enterprise,** Blue ..... SOLD
04 **RENAULT KANGOO TREKKA 4x4** £1395
53 **PEUGEOT PARTNER QUIKSILVER MPV** ..... SOLD

CHEAP AND CHEERFUL/PART EXCHANGE BARGAINS

03 **VAUXHALL CORSA 1.2 SXI,** Low Miles, must be seen £1,195
09 **FIAT PUNTO, Black** £1450
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MOTORING

Saloon lap record broken by special Subaru WRX STI

Subaru has set an astonishing sub-seven-minute Nurburgring lap time in a heavily modified version of the WRX STI, setting a four-door saloon lap record in the process.

The time of 6m 57.5s was set using a Subaru WRX STI Type RA NBR Special, which has previously recorded impressive lap times on the Isle of Man TT course, as well as coming third overall in this year's Goodwood Festival of Speed hill climb.

The model is based on the Japanese car manufacturer's WRX STI performance saloon, but bears little resemblance to the car that can be bought at dealerships.

Race and rally specialist Prodrive overhauled the car, fitting a World Rally Championship-spec version of the standard car's 2.0-litre engine. It has an output of around 600bhp and an estimated top speed of 179mph.

Other modifications include nine-inch-wide slick tyres for extra grip and a WRC gearbox that can change gears in 20 milliseconds.

The exterior of the car has also been reworked thanks to a high-downforce aerodynamics package. This improves handling by forcing the car into the road as the air flows over it, and features an F1-inspired drag reduction system in the rear wing to improve top speed.

The WRX STI nameplate has a long history with performance Subarus, born out of the company's iconic rally efforts with the Impreza in the '90s. WRX stands for World Rally eXperimental and references road car technology inspired by rallying such as the all-wheel-drive system, while STI means Subaru Tecnica International, the company's motorsport division.

Subaru ditched the Impreza badge for its performance saloon with the latest generation, which is a standalone WRX STI model.

Scooby screams around Nurburgring in record-breaking time

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62 **FORD FOCUS TITANIUM ECONETIC TDCI,** BLACK, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, 40K £8,395
12 **SKODA OCTAVIA TDI SE 2.0L 6 SPEED,** BEIGE, ALLOY WHEELS, SAT. NAV., PARKING , SENSORS, SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER, 47K £8,295
62 **HYUNDAI I30 TOURER EST. 1.7 CRDI,** GREY, SERVICE HISTORY, £20 ROAD TAX, 35K £7,250
13 **CITROEN DS3 1.6E HDI, AIRDREAM D STYLE PLUS** WHITE WITH BLACK ROOF, CLIMATE CONTROL, CRUISE CONTROL, F.S .H, £0 ROAD TAX, 23K £7,250
11 **POLO SEL Tdi 90 1.6,** 5 DOOR, SILVER, AC, ALLOY WHEELS, ONE OWN, F.S.H, £30 ROAD TAX, 55K £6,995
62 **KIA SOUL 2 CRDI,** SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY, 32K £6,850
63 **HYUNDAI I10E,** GREY, SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER, £30 ROAD TAX, 6K £6,195
11 **SKODA FABIA ELEGANCE AUTOMATIC TSI HATCHBACK,** BEIGE, SERVICE HISTORY, 39K ..... SOLD
10 **VW GOLF S 1.6 TDI,** 5 DOOR, MET. BLUE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, £30 ROAD TAX, 63K ..... SOLD
61 **CITROEN C4 VTR+HDI 91,** BLUE, £20 ROAD TAX, 49K £5,495
12 **SUZUKI SPLASH SZ4,** BLUE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER, £30 ROAD TAX, 10K £5,250
09 **FORD FIESTA TITANIUM 1.6 5 DOOR,** SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY, ONE OWNER, 53K £5,184
61 **FIAT 500 LOUNGE,** BLUE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, 35K £4,999
12 **PEUGEOT 207 ALLURE AUTOMATIC,** SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY, 34K £4,995
09 **CITROEN C3 PICASSO EXCLUSIVE 1.6 HDI,** GREY, PARKING SENSORS, SERVICE HISTORY, 51K £4,995
58 **MINI COOPER S,** BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY, 68K £4,995
12 **NISSAN MICRA ACENTA 1.2,** 5 DOOR, MET. RED, FULL SERVICE HISTORY. £30 ROAD TAX, 42K £4,850
10 **CITROEN C3 EXCLUSIVE HDI,** BLACK, ALLOY WHEELS, CLIMATE CONTROL, CRUISE CONTROL, £20 ROAD TAX, 52K ... £4,695
60 **FORD FIESTA EDGE** 3 DOOR HATCHBACK, BRIGHT RED, AIR CON, SERVICE HISTORY, 29K £4,495
10 **FORD FIESTA EDGE** 5 DOOR HATCHBACK, SILVER, AIR CON, SERVICE HISTORY , 63K £4,295
10 **SUZUKI SX4 SZ4,** BLUE, ALLOY WHEELS, CLIMATE CONTROL, ROOF BARS, SERV. HIST. 57K ..... SOLD
12 **VAUXHALL AGILA S,** BLUE, £30 ROAD TAX, 31K £3,995
58 **VAUXHALL CORSA DESIGN 1.4,** BLACK, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY, 46K £3,995
08 **FORD FOCUS ZETEC,** BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY, 75K £3,795
08 **TOYOTA YARIS TR,** SILVER, ONE OWNER, SERVICE HISTORY, 68K £3,495
09 **PEUGEOT 207 1.6 HDI SPORT,** 3 DOOR, MET. BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY, 65K £2,995
56 **FORD FOCUS ZETEC CLIMATE,** SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY, 58K £2,995
07 **RENAULT CLIO EXTREME,** 3 DOOR, SILVER, SERVICE HISTORY, 32K £2,795
06 **RENAULT KANGOO AUTHENTIQUE DCI,** GREY, 57K ..... SOLD
54 **HONDA JAZZ DSI SE,** ORANGE, FULL SERVICE HISTORY, 34K ... SOLD

55 **CITROEN C3 DESIRE,** 5 DOOR, GREY, SERVICED AND CAM BELT FITTED, 47K £1,695

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09 **FORD TRANSIT CONNECT LWB HIGH TOP,** SIDE DOOR, BLUE, SERVICE HISTORY, CAMBELT KIT AND WATER PUMP CHANGED, 91K ..... SOLD
09 **PARTNER 1.6 HDI PROFESSIONAL,** SILVER, SIDE DOOR, ELEC WINDOWS, 112K £2,695

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65 **VW TRANSPORTER 2.0 TDI,** WHITE, SIDE DOOR, ELECTRIC WINDOWS, ONE OWNER, 4K £13,495
64 **PEUGEOT EXPERT HDI,** WHITE, TWIN SIDE DOORS, AIR CON, SHELVING IN REAR, 40K £7,995
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15 **CITROEN BERLINGO,** WHITE, 3 SEATS, SIDE DOOR, AIR CON, PARKING SENSORS, SERVICE HISTORY, 38K £7,150
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4x4 Selection

13 (63) **SKODA YETI 2.0 TDi SE 4X4** Petrol Blue £11,850
12 (62) **FORD KUGA 2.0 TDCI TITANIUM AWD,** Silver ..... DUE IN
10 (60) **LANDROVER FREELANDER 2 TD4 GS,** Grey, ... £12,850
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Growing following for new tourer

By Graham Breeze

You simply have to think big in the Sports Tourer sector these days and Vauxhall has done just that with the unveiling of the new Insignia.

The new Insignia Sports Tourer isn't just big, it's massive with the suits in Vauxhall's design department putting the emphasis on practicality, flexibility and space – the 1,665 litre boot is 135 litres bigger than the outgoing model.

And despite growing the length of the boot from 1,997 to 2,005mm Vauxhall has managed to reduce the car's weight by 200kg and improve performance. The tailgate can be opened with a kick gesture, without the need to even touch the car. Using the keyless empty system a simple small kicking motion under the rear bumper opens or closes the tailgate – though you do ooka bit silly if it doesn't work at the first attempt.

An optional 40/20/40 foldable rear seat combination means a multitude of luggage space configurations and all at the press of a button, conveniently located in the luggage compartment – no lifting required.

Rear seat leg room is class leading, even for the taller passengers but there's a big disappointment for the person in the middle with much firmer seating – you wouldn't get me seated there for long.

The new Insignia Sports Tourer comes with a range of engines from 110PS to 260PS but for me the pick of the bunch is an amazing and all-new 1.5 litre Turbo petrol SRi Nav with 165PS. As the move away from diesels continues at pace this could be the perfect option for the under-pressure businessman or just the job for the family focussed owner who still likes to feel the power underneath his feet.

Performance is simply stunning with 0-60mph in only 8.4seconds and a top speed of 138mph, though I doubt you would achieve Vauxhall's claimed combined fuel consumption figure of 47mpg – the urge to floor the accelerator was too great for me.

There is a raft of top technologies that make driving the Insignia Sports Tourer safer, more relaxing and more comfortable than before. Next generation IntelliLux LED matrix lighting, Lane Keep Assist, Head-up Display and unique AGR-certified premium seats, front- and rear-seat heating and a heated windscreen are just some examples.

Outstanding infotainment and connectivity are also on board thanks to the latest generation IntelliLink systems and Vauxhall OnStar, which with the launch of the Insignia Sports Tourer, will offer even more functionality for customers. The new Insignia is also the first Vauxhall with an active aluminium bonnet, improving pedestrian protection considerably.

Despite the exterior dimensions having grown slightly to 4,986 millimetres, the Insignia Sports Tourer looks even more athletic and agile than its predecessor. The prominent front grille and Monza Concept-inspired headlights all add to this perception.

The model's stance is also emphasised by the extended wheelbase, now 2,829 millimetres, and a front overhang that has been reduced by 30 millimetres. The silver roof rails make it look lower, and emphasise the high-quality design. The slim, slightly protruding LED rear lights in double-wing design help the rear end of the Insignia Sports Tourer make a strong impression.

Inside the driver now sits 3cms lower with most of the instruments easy to find. It's just the starter button, hidden behind the steering wheel, that proves difficult to find on the first drive. Pretty much everything you need to find is contained in the central infotainment screen and is easy to master.

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You get Apple CarPlay and Android Auto compatible IntelliLink systems to keep you in touch and smartphones can seamlessly integrate into the vehicle's infotainment system. It can also be charged wirelessly thanks to the latest inductive charging technology. Vauxhall OnStar, is also on board, offering services ranging from automatic crash response to stolen vehicle assistance. A new concierge service is launched with the new Insignia, enabling its occupants to ask OnStar advisors to select a hotel and go to room reservation. Up to seven devices can be connected to the Wi-Fi Hotspot on OnStar.

Prices start at a competitive £18,685 with the test car running at £21,510 though options which included a Winter Pack, LED headlights, parking sensors, leather interior, a bigger instrument display, a top-class heads-up display system, driving assistant pack and upgraded paint finish took the total to £26,525. Standard features include 17inch alloys, auto lights, keyless entry, electric door mirrors, rain sensitive wipers, six airbags, tyre pressure monitoring and alarm system.

While the Insignia Sports Tourer may lack the refinement of the big boys like Audi in the sector there will be a growing following for this Vauxhall.

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First Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Knowle & D.	14	10	1	3	0	0	247
Berkswell	14	8	3	2	0	1	235
Shrewsbury	14	9	1	4	0	0	219
Ombersley	14	8	2	3	0	1	206
Barnt Green	14	6	1	6	0	1	171
WB Dartmouth	14	5	2	6	0	1	162
Wolverhampton	14	3	6	4	0	1	156
Kenilworth W	14	5	3	5	0	1	155
Dorridge	14	4	2	7	0	1	148
Walsall	14	5	1	8	0	0	129
Kidderminster	14	2	2	9	0	1	109
Brockhampton	14	1	2	9	0	2	71

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Moseley	14	8	0	5	0	1	209
Himley	14	8	2	3	0	1	204
Bridgnorth	14	7	1	5	0	1	198
Bromsgrove	14	7	3	3	0	1	197
Tamworth	14	7	1	5	0	1	196
Smethwick	14	5	3	3	1	2	184
Barnards Green	14	5	2	6	1	0	167
Shifnal	14	6	1	7	0	0	165
Walmley	14	4	2	7	0	1	136
Leamington	14	3	4	6	1	0	132
Attock	14	3	2	8	0	1	128
Wellington	14	2	3	7	1	1	120

Division Two

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Oswestry	14	10	1	1	0	2	240
Fordhouses	14	10	0	4	0	0	231
Halesowen	14	8	1	5	0	0	200
Pershore	14	6	3	4	0	1	199
C & R Hawks	14	5	3	5	0	1	187
Sutton Coldfield	14	3	3	5	1	2	158
Wombourne	14	5	2	6	0	1	157
Old Hill	14	4	2	6	0	2	137
Penkridge	14	4	1	8	0	1	136
Harborne	14	3	3	7	0	1	130
Coventry & N.W.	14	4	4	4	0	2	126
Old Elizabethans	14	2	1	9	1	1	117

Division Three

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Lichfield	14	9	0	4	1	0	212
Streetly	14	8	0	5	0	1	209
Astwood Bank	14	8	0	4	0	2	204
Stourbridge	14	6	3	4	1	0	199
Milford Hall	14	8	0	6	0	0	198
Newport	14	7	2	4	0	1	183
Sentinel	14	6	1	6	0	1	183
Handsworth	14	6	2	5	1	0	171
Stratford-u-Avon	14	5	1	7	1	0	163
Brewood	14	5	1	8	0	0	150
Worc Nomads	14	3	1	10	0	0	105
Nuneaton	14	1	3	9	0	1	83

Second Teams

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wolverhampton	14	11	0	1	0	2	255
Walmley	14	9	1	2	0	2	231
Knowle & D.	14	8	1	3	0	2	211
Kenilworth W	14	7	3	3	0	1	207
Shifnal	14	5	4	4	0	1	174
Moseley	14	5	3	5	0	1	169
Harborne	14	5	2	5	0	2	163
Leamington	14	4	2	6	0	2	132
Himley	14	2	4	6	0	2	126
Astwood Bank	14	3	1	10	0	0	119
Brockhampton	14	2	3	9	0	0	115
Halesowen	14	2	2	9	0	1	99

Division One

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Attock	14	7	4	2	0	1	231
Tamworth	14	5	2	6	0	1	190
WB Dartmouth	14	7	2	5	0	0	187
Barnt Green	14	6	1	5	0	2	169
Walsall	14	5	2	5	0	2	167
Berkswell	14	5	3	5	0	1	166
Bromsgrove	14	5	2	5	0	2	163
Coventry & N.W.	14	5	1	7	0	1	157
Ombersley	14	4	4	4	0	2	157
Old Elizabethans	14	4	4	4	0	2	143
Kidderminster	14	4	2	6	0	2	139
Smethwick	14	4	1	7	0	2	130

Division Two North

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Shrewsbury	14	11	2	1	0	0	273
Penkridge	14	6	3	4	1	0	207
Fordhouses	14	6	5	3	0	0	200
Brewood	14	6	4	4	0	0	191
Milford Hall	14	6	3	4	1	0	184
Bridgnorth	14	6	3	5	0	0	183
Newport	14	7	0	7	0	0	171
Oswestry	14	4	3	5	2	0	163
Wellington	14	2	6	4	2	0	154
C & R Hawks	14	4	1	8	0	1	143
Sentinel	14	3	4	7	0	0	138
Lichfield	14	1	2	10	0	1	77

Division Two South

	P	W	D	L	T	A	P
Wombourne	14	10	0	2	0	2	239
Pershore	14	9	2	3	0	0	232
Nuneaton	14	8	1	4	0	1	199
Stratford-u-Avon	14	8	0	4	0	2	199
Old Hill	14	7	1	6	0	0	180
Handsworth	14	6	1	6	0	1	170
Dorridge	14	5	1	6	0	2	169
Streetly	14	6	1	7	0	0	167
Sutton Coldfield	14	5	1	6	0	2	152
Worc Nomads	14	5	0	9	0	0	143
Stourbridge	14	3	1	8	0	2	128
Barnards Green	14	1	1	12	0	0	75

Shropshire County Cricket League

Premier Division

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Whitchurch	14	9	1	3	1	244
Worfield	14	9	2	2	1	231
Wem	14	10	0	4	0	226
Broseley	14	9	1	4	0	218
Ludlow	14	8	2	3	1	212
Quatt	14	9	1	4	0	212
Newtown	14	7	0	7	0	182
Madeley	14	4	1	8	1	131
St Georges	14	3	2	8	1	126
Frankton	14	3	2	9	0	111
Market Drayton	14	4	0	9	1	109
Albrighton	14	0	0	14	0	54

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Bomere Heath	14	12	2	0	0	289
Cound	14	9	1	3	1	236
Knockin & K	14	7	2	4	1	204
Condover	14	8	2	4	0	194
Welshpool	14	7	1	4	2	193
Beacon	14	6	0	7	1	179
Shelton	14	6	0	7	1	177
Wroxeter Grove	14	5	2	6	1	177
Alberbury	14	4	2	7	1	165
Montgomery	14	4	0	8	2	145
Forton	14	2	0	10	2	112
Lilleshall	14	2	0	12	0	107

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Pontesbury	14	12	1	1	0	280
Allscott	14	11	1	2	0	262
Ellesmere	14	8	1	4	1	204
Shifnal	14	7	2	5	0	191
Wheaton Aston	14	5	2	5	2	180
Willey	14	6	1	7	0	163
Church Aston	14	6	2	6	0	160
Shrewsbury	14	5	1	6	2	157
Prees	14	5	2	6	1	144
Wellington	14	2	3	9	0	136
Bishop's Castle	14	3	1	8	2	113
Church Stretton	14	1	1	12	0	74

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Harpers	14	10	1	2	1	240
Hodnet, P&T	14	8	2	3	1	215
Ludlow	14	8	0	4	2	212
Iscoyd & FB	14	7	1	5	1	206
Calverhall	14	6	1	6	1	202
Cae Glas	14	8	0	6	0	197
Chelmarsh	14	6	2	5	1	182
St Georges	14	5	1	8	0	168
Much Wenlock	14	5	2	5	2	158
Trysull & Seisdon	14	5	1	8	0	152
Acton Reynald	14	2	1	10	1	113
Corvedale	14	2	0	10	2	96

Division 4

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Overton-on-Dee	13	9	3	1	0	241
Bridgnorth	13	10	0	3	0	230
Hinstock	13	8	1	3	1	220
Allscott	13	8	1	3	1	206
Guilsfield	13	6	1	4	2	163
Coton Hall	12	4	0	5	3	147
Quayside	13	3	1	9	0	121
Llanidloes	13	3	2	8	0	102
Wroxeter Grove	12	4	1	7	0	95
Harcourt	13	3	2	7	1	59
Oswestry	12	1	0	9	2	38

Second Teams

Division 1

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Worfield	14	11	0	2	1	265
Wem	14	11	1	0	2	249
Frankton	14	10	0	3	1	224
St Georges	14	6	3	5	0	189
Wroxeter Grove	14	7	1	5	1	183
Alberbury	14	3	2	6	3	140
Madeley	14	4	0	8	2	140
Knockin & K	14	2	3	8	1	136
Shelton	14	4	2	7	1	135
Whitchurch	14	3	0	9	2	128
Quatt	13	3	1	7	2	120
Cound	13	4	1	8	0	119

Division 2

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
Montgomery	14	9	2	1	2	261
Wellington	14	9	2	3	0	249
Beacon	14	10	1	3	0	242
Broseley	14	9	1	4	0	210
Bomere Heath	14	7	2	5	0	206
Lilleshall	14	7	3	4	0	203
Shifnal	14	5	5	3	1	183
Willey	14	6	2	6	0	176
Pontesbury	14	5	2	5	2	172
Newtown	14	7	2	4	1	167
Ludlow	14	2	5	5	2	157
Market Drayton	14	4	2	8	0	131
Condover	14	4	2	7	1	129
Albrighton	14	2	1	10	1	86
Forton	14	2	1	11	0	85
Iscoyd & FB	14	1	3	10	0	59

Division 3

	P	W	D	L	C/A	P
St Georges	14	9	2	3	0	231
Acton Reynald	14	8	3	3	0	216
Lilleshall	14	7	3	4	0	211
Beacon	14	7	1	6	0	200
Much Wenlock	14	7	1	4	2	175
Welshpool	14	6	1	5	2	171
Ellesmere	14	6	1	6	1	166
Allscott	14	5	2	7	0	156
Quatt	14	5	2	5	2	154
Bishops Castle	14	6	0	8	0	133
Cae Glas	14	3	1	8	2	132
Corvedale	14	1	1	11	1	65

Wrockwardine Wood Monday Night Dominoes

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Rec Club	14	11	3	63	35	85
B & White	14	11	3	59	39	81
Bullshead	14	11	3	58	40	80
Dun Cow	14	9	5	59	39	77
Trench S/Club	14	10	4	54	44	74
Duke B	14	8	6	53	45	69
Football	14	7	7	51	47	65
Wendy	14	6	8	50	48	62
Coalport B	14	7	7	46	52	60
W/Horse A	14	7	7	46	52	60
W/Horse F/R	14	7	7	45	53	59
Coalport A	14	5	9	46	52	56
Foresters	14	4	10	39	59	47
C/Cheese	14	3	11	40	58	46
Duke A	14	3	11	38	60	44
W/Horse B	14	3	11	37	61	43

Ludlow Thursday Domino League

	P	W	L	F	A	P
Jockey	10	9	1	54	36	27
Drifters	10	6	4	47	37	18
Tavern	10	5	5	50	49	15
Bridge	10	5	5	45	44	15
Swan	10	5	5	44	46	15
Ludlow Club	10	4	6	45	43	12
Blue Boar	10	4	6	39	51	12
Castle	10	2	8	38	52	6

Tanners Claret Shropshire Bowling League

Shropshire Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Ludlow Castle	16	10	5	1	142
Telepost	15	11	4	0	137
Elephant & Castle	15	10	5	0	127
Pontesbury A	16	9	7	0	124
Castlefields	16	9	7	0	114
Prince Hotel A	15	9	6	0	111
Battlefield	15	8	7	0	110
Hanwood	17	9	8	0	110
Meole Brace A	16	7	9	0	110
Whittington	15	6	9	0	100
George	16	5	11	0	90
Ifton	15	6	9	0	89
POWBC	16	5	11	0	87
Abbey A	15	4	10	1	75

Shropshire Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Crescent	16	13	3	0	162
OSBC	15	11	4	0	131
Prince Hotel B	17	8	9	0	127
Bishops Castle	16	10	6	0	125
Pontesbury B	16	8	8	0	118
Craven Arms	15	8	7	0	116
Unison	16	8	8	0	107
Meole Brace V	15	9	6	0	106
Bicton A	15	9	6	0	104
Frankwell	16	6	10	0	99
Oxon Village	17	6	11	0	97
Greenfields Social	15	6	9	0	87
Wem BC	15	5	10	0	85
Bayston Hill	16	3	13	0	76

Shropshire Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Hadnall	13	11	2	0	130
Burway	13	10	3	0	128
Church Club	12	8	4	0	106
Albert Road BC	12	6	6	0	91
Oxon	11	8	3	0	91
Bagley	14	7	7	0	91
Wem USC	12	6	6	0	84
Severnside St Julians	12	7	5	0	81
Abbey B	12	4	8	0	69
Bicton B	13	2	11	0	48
Worthen & Brockton	14	0	14	0	47

Shrewsbury Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Castlefields B	14	11	3	0	111
Pontesbury A	13	11	2	0	108
Prince Hotel A	14	10	4	0	106
Crescent A	14	10	4	0	102
Telepost A	13	9	4	0	91
Hanwood A	13	7	6	0	85
OSBC B	14	5	9	0	66
Meole Brace A	14	4	10	0	65
Abbey A	14	4	10	0	62
Oxon Village	14	2	12	0	62
St Julians	13	2	11	0	42

Shrewsbury Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Battlefield A	15	12	3	0	124
Pontesbury B	15	9	6	0	103
Unison	15	8	7	0	100
Prince Hotel B	15	9	6	0	99
Bicton A	15	7	7	1	92
Corbet Arms	15	9	6	0	92
Meole Brace V	15	8	7	0	91
Abbey B	15	9	6	0	90
Albert Road BC	15	5	9	1	83
Greenfields Social A	15	5	10	0	76
Battlefield B	15	5	10	0	70
Bayston Hill A	15	3	12	0	60

Shrewsbury Division 3

	P	W	L	D	P
Monkmoor A	15	12	3	0	114
POWBC A	15	10	5	0	108
Bagley A	15	8	7	0	103
Oxon	15	11	4	0	99
Meole Brace B	15	8	7	0	97
Frankwell	15	7	8	0	93
Castlefields C	15	8	7	0	86
Telepost B	15	7	8	0	85
Bicton B	15	5	10	0	81
Dorrington	15	5	10	0	77
Osbc A	15	4	11	0	70
Hanwood B	15	5	10	0	67

Shrewsbury Division 4

	P	W	L	D	P
POWBC B	15	13	2	0	135
Crescent B	15	14	1	0	124
Pontesbury C	15	11	4	0	122
Greenfields Social B	15	11	4	0	118
Elephant & Castle	15	10	5	0	97
Meole Brace C	15	9	6	0	93
Pontesbury D	15	6	9	0	86
Severnside	15	6	9	0	77
Worthen & Brockton	15	4	11	0	71
Bayston Hill B	15	3	12	0	61
Bagley B	15	3	12	0	54
Monkmoor B	15	0	15	0	42

Oswestry & District Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Ceiriog Valley A	15	10	3	2	+288	99
Llangollen A	14	10	4	0	+319	89
Chirk AAA A	15	9	5	1	+181	85
Llanymynech A	15	8	7	0	+106	85
Ruabon A	14	8	5	1	+112	79
Whittington A	14	6	6	2	+7	71
Criftins A	14	5	8	1	-143	62
Johnstown B	15	5	9	1	-211	62
Johnstown A	13	4	8	1	-144	53
Flexsys A	14	4	10	0	-251	53
Corwen A	15	5	9	1	-264	52

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Cynwyd A	16	11	4	1	+353	103
Church A	16	9	5	2	+426	102
Llanrhaeadr A	16	9	7	0	+170	95
Weston Rhyn A	16	10	5	1	+140	91
Criftins B	16	8	8	0	+68	86
Ellesmere A	16	8	8	0	+20	78
Ye Olde Crofte A	16	6	10	0	-155	75
Plas Kynaston A	16	7	8	1	-93	73
George	16	7	9	0	-117	70
Llangynog A	16	7	9	0	-236	64
Church B	16	6	10	0	-251	64
Whittington B	16	5	10	1	-325	59

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Ceiriog Valley C	16	11	5	0	+299	100
Black Lion	16	10	6	0	+149	97
Johnstown D	16	10	5	1	+96	92
Criftins C	16	8	7	1	+207	91
Johnstown C	16	7	8	1	+95	83
Fox Lane	16	8	8	0	-64	80
Llangollen B	16	8	6	2	-88	78
Bersham	16	7	9	0	+6	77
Ceiriog Valley B	16	7	8	1	-30	73
Church C	16	6	10	0	-73	70
Chirk AAA B	16	4	10	2	-295	62
Ellesmere B	16	6	10	0	-302	57

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Ruabon B	16	13	3	0	+369	107
Llanymynech B	16	8	7	1	+313	94
Ifton	16	10	5	1	+247	93
Overton B	16	9	4	3	+101	87
Weston Rhyn C	16	7	7	2	+152	85
Cynwyd B	16	10	6	0	0	81
Llanrhaeadr C	16	7	7	2	-103	81
Llangynog C	16	7	8	1	-117	81
Llanrhaeadr D	16	6	9	1	-109	70
Llanfyllin A	16	5	10	1	-268	65
Whittington E	16	5	10	1	-255	64
PlasKynaston B	16	1	12	3	-330	52

Division 5

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Pentre Broughton	16	15	1	0	+1206	141
Criftins E	16	14	2	0	+505	119
Johnstown E	16	8	7	1	+46	81
Weston Rhyn B	16	9	7	0	-51	81
Llanymynech C	16	7	8	1	+10	80
Corwen B	16	8	7	1	-133	78
Llanrhaeadr B	16	8	7	1	-59	77
Whittington C	16	7	8	1	-186	74
Chirk AAA C	16	4	10	2	-208	64
Criftins D	16	5	10	1	-368	61
Ye Olde Crofte B	16	4	11	1	-235	59
Church D	16	2	13	1	-527	45

Division 6

	P	W	L	D	Ag	P
Ponciau Park A	14	12	2	0	+908	116
Cynwyd C	15	13	1	1	+613	115
Ponciau Park B	15	9	6	0	+166	85
Whittington D	15	7	6	2	-34	74
Weston Rhyn D	15	7	6	2	-22	73
Chirk D	14	7	6	1	-41	71
Llangynog B	15	5	8	2	-206	63
Overton C	15	4	10	1	-100	60
Church E	14	3	10	1	-319	53
Llanfyllin B	14	3	9	2	-392	49
Llanrhaeadr E	14	4	10	0	-573	41

Results

Division one: Whittington A 8 (146) Johnstown A 2 (118), Ceiriog Valley A 9 Chirk A 1 (127), Johnstown B 8 (153) Corwen A 2 (123), Ruabon A 4 (135) Llangollen A 6 (141), Criftins A 7 (148) Llanymynech A 3 (136) No fixture: Flexsys A.
Division two: Weston Rhyn A 6 (145) Ye Olde Crofte A 4 (115), Cynwyd A 9 (165) Church B 1 (99), Ellesmere A 2 (133) Criftins B 8 (160), George 9 (156) Whittington B 1 (93), Church A 8 (152) Llangynog A 2 (81), Llanrhaeadr A 8 (160) Plas Kynaston A 2 (140).
Division three: Fox Lane 7 (144) Ceiriog Valley B 3 (126), Black Lion 9 (157) Chirk B 1 (108), Bersham 4 (137) Johnstown C 6 (142), Ceiriog Valley C 10 (168) Ellesmere B 0 (89), Llangollen B 8 (152) Church C 2 (118), Johnstown D 7 (158) Criftins C 3 (137).
Division four: Plas Kynaston B 7 (139) Llanfyllin A 3 (106), Cynwyd B 10 (156) Llanrhaeadr D 0 (109), Ruabon B 8 (160) Whittington E 2 (100), Llangynog C 7 (140) Llanymynech B 3 (123), Llanrhaeadr C 7 (135) Ifton 3 (128), Overton B 4 (142) Weston Rhyn C 6 (146).
Division five: Llanrhaeadr B 7 (151) Criftins D 3 (124), Llanymynech C 8 (158) Ye Olde Crofte B 2 (110), Church D 7 (151) Corwen B 3 (120), Criftins E 10 (168) Weston Rhyn B 0 (94), Chirk C 2 (129) Johnstown E 8 (142), Pentre Broughton 9 (163) Whittington C 1 (77).
Division six: Weston Rhyn D 7 (151) Ponciau Park A 3 (144), Whittington D 10 (168) Llanfyllin B 0 (96), Ponciau Park B 8 (150) Llanrhaeadr E 2 (110), Overton C 4 (143) Cynwyd C 6 (143), Llangynog B 7 (161) Church E 3 (111).

Hobsons Quoits League

	P	W	L	F	P
Cross	12	11	0	68	23
Burway	14	8	3	68	19
T M Shoes	13	8	2	62.5	19
Eagle	14	7	5	60.5	16
Wanderers	13	6	4	56.5	15
Colliers	11	6	2	55.0	15
C M Social	14	6	7	54.5	13
Young Uns	13	2	10	34.5	6
Bell	12	3	9	34	4
Rams	13	0	13	30.5	0

Marches Cricket League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Luctonians	14	9	2	1	2	267
Garnons	14	9	3	1	1	259
Goodrich	13	9	2	1	1	255
Kington	14	8	3	1	2	245
Builth Wells	14	6	7	0	1	186
Abergavenny	13	4	6	2	1	155
Dales , Hereford	14	4	7	1	2	150
Woolhope	14	3	8	2	1	141
Brockhampton	14	4	10	0	0	124
Glangrwyney	14	2	10	1	1	112

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Ross on Wye	14	8	2	4	0	269
Cleobury M	14	7	3	2	2	245
Canon Frome	14	6	3	5	1	234
Ledbury	14	6	3	2	2	214
Colwall	14	6	5	2	1	195
Luctonians	12	6	1	2	3	187
Almeley	13	3	6	3	1	125
Knighton on Teme	13	3	6	1	2	120
Eastnor	14	1	10	1	2	81
Presteigne	14	2	9	0	4	80

Division 3

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Strollers, Hereford	14	8	3	2	1	256
Talybont-on-Usk	14	7	3	1	4	213
Abergavenny	14	6	2	1	5	189
Moas	14	6	2	2	5	188
Garnons	14	6	4	1	4	175
Ledbury	14	4	8	2	0	162
Goodrich	14	3	5	4	3	148
Builth Wells	14	3	8	2	2	137
Burghill, T&W	14	4	7	1	3	116
Canon Frome	14	1	6	4	3	89

Division 4

	P	W	L	D	A	P
Herefordians	13	11	0	0	2	271
Ross on Wye	13	8	4	1	0	209
Wormelow	13	8	3	0	4	197
Kington	13	6	4	2	1	196
Hay-on-Wye	13	4	4	4	2	190
Strollers, Hereford	13	5	6	1	2	154
Bosbury	13	4	7	1	1	148
Colwall	13	2	6	4	1	134
Brockhampton	12	6	2	3	1	131
Woolhope	13	3	7	1	2	121
Luctonians	12	3	5	1	4	105
Bartestree & L	12	4	8	0	3	48
Glangrwyney	13	1	9	2	3	28

Market Drayton Seniors Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	P
Adderley A	104	82	2059
Woore A	104	62	1877
Con Club A	104	59	1860
Wem A	104	57	1842
Audlem A	104	48	1799
Prees	104	50	1714
Adderley B	104	45	1704
Victoria A	104	38	1671
Joules MD	104	38	1610
Ash A	104	41	1591

Division 2

	P	W	P
Cheswardine	104	68	1924
Wem B	104	63	1852
Slaters A	104	57	1849
Norton in Hales A	104	53	1817
Nantwich Barony	104	54	1750
Calverhall B	104	50	1683
Audlem B	104	49	1673
Wollerton	104	43	1672
Tilstock	104	44	1661
Ash B	104	39	1570

Division 3

	P	W	P
Victoria B	104	55	1858
Wem C	96	66	1799
Norton in Hales B	104	56	1798
Wrenbury	104	62	1789
Con Club B	104	48	1723
Adderley C	104	51	1721
Woore B	96	54	1677
Slaters B	104	43	1666
Victoria C	104	38	1599
Calverhall A	104	39	1593

Results

Division 1: Adderley A 165(7), Victoria A 107(1); Audlem A 146(3), Woore A 150(5); Ash A 141(3), Con Club A 146(5); Prees 135(5), Adderley B 145(3); Joules MD 123(3), Wem A 150(5)
Division 2: Wem B 159(6), Slaters A 117(2); Cheswardine 136(4), Audlem B 126(4); Nantwich Barony 134(4), Ash B 130(4); Wollerton 134(3), Calverhall B 129(5); Norton In Hales A 130(4), Tilstock 135(4)
Division 3: Calverhall A 148(5), Victoria C 134(3); Slaters B 144(2), Adderley C 151(6); Con Club B 142(5), Wrenbury 139(3); Victoria B 117(2), Norton In Hales B 154(6); Woore B 0(0), Wem C 0(0)

Ludlow & District Ladies Bowling League

	P	W	L	D	F	A	P
Burway	6	4	0	2	934	637	47
Craven Arms	5	4	1	0	706	599	33
Castle	5	2	1	2	692	672	25
Cleobury Mort.	5	0	4	1	509	743	13
Highley	5	0	4	1	551	741	10

Results

Highley 3 Craven Arms 5; Burway 7 Highley 1; Cleobury Mortimer 3 Castle 5; Craven Arms 6 Cleobury Mortimer 2; Burway 5 Cleobury Mortimer 3; Burway 7 Craven Arms 1; Highley 2 Castle 6

The Old Forge Garage (Hay on Wye) Mid Wales League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Llandrindod	11	9	0	2	906	598	118
Presteigne	10	9	0	1	821	553	116
Builth Wells	11	8	0	3	790	681	104
Talgarth	11	7	0	4	776	690	91
Rhayader	11	5	0	6	687	728	75
Brecon	11	6	0	5	705	773	72
Spa Bowlers	10	2	0	8	576	823	34
Knighton	10	1	0	9	568	762	32
Hay on Wye	11	1	0	10	634	855	30

Llandrindod Wells Mid-Week Bowls League

Division 1

	P	W	L	D	P
Mixed Bag	10	9	1	0	18
Insiders	10	8	2	0	16
Game On	10	7	3	0	14
Lakesiders	10	7	3	0	14
Lansdown	10	3	6	1	7
Severn Babes	10	2	8	0	4
P.O.Sports	10	2	8	0	4
Severn Stars	10	1	8	1	3

Division 2

	P	W	L	D	P
Dominoes	12	11	1	0	22
Diff.Strokes	12	7	5	0	14
Wye Knots	12	7	5	0	14
Ithon Babes	12	6	6	0	12
Wanderers	13	5	7	1	11
High School	11	3	8	0	6
Lions Club	12	2	9	1	5

Matthews Jewellers Mid Wales Veterans' Bowls League

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
Wyesiders	14	12	0	2	276	180	24
Llandrindod	14	8	2	4	243	200	18
Spa	14	9	0	5	230	226	18
Talgarth	14	8	0	6	234	227	16
Brecon Honddu	14	6	3	5	204	204.5	15
Undertakers	14	6	2	6	228	233	14
Hay Bluff	14	6	2	6	198	227	14
Spartans	14	6	1	7	220.5	221	13
Presteigne	14	5	2	7	221	226	12
Hay	14	4	2	8	225	225	10
Brecon Beacons	14	3	1	10	201	241	7
Builth	14	3	1	10	170	240	7

Mid Shropshire Seniors Bowling League

Division1

	P	W	P
S J Bayley A	15	14	93
W Horse Husc	15	11	76
Highley A	15	10	71
Bylet A	15	9	71
St Georges A	15	8	66
Newport A	15	9	66
Donn Wood A	15	9	66
Broseley A	15	9	64
Madeley CC A	15	7	61
Bridgnorth A	15	5	53
Bowring A	15	5	50
Allscott A	15	3	42
Albrighton A	15	3	31
Shifnal A	15	1	30

Division 2

	P	W	P
Sinclair A	15	11	81
Much Wenlock	15	9	71
Charlton	15	8	65
Bridgnorth B	15	9	65
S J Bayley B	15	9	65
Maddocks A	15	7	63
Newport C	15	7	60
Worfield A	15	8	58
Madeley CCC	15	7	56
Horsehay A	14	7	55
Chelmarsh	15	7	55
S J Bayley C	14	6	51
Wrock Wood A	14	5	48
Bylet B	14	2	31

Division 3

	P	W	P
Donn Wood B	15	13	89
Red Squirrel	15	10	71
St Georges B	15	9	70
Trench A	15	8	67
Bowring B	15	7	64
Broseley B	15	7	62
Madeley CC B	15	8	59
Allscott B	15	7	59
Shifnal B	15	6	56
Highley B	15	6	54
Bridgnorth C	15	6	54
Wrock Wood B	15	6	49
Edgmond	15	4	46
Albrighton B	15	3	40

Division 4

	P	W	P
Maddocks B	14	14	89
Mortimer	14	11	85
Sinclair B	14	12	83
Donn Wood C	14	10	72
Gray Squirrel	13	7	58
Horsehay B	14	6	51
S J Bayley D	14	6	49
Bridgnorth D	13	6	48
Newport D	14	3	45
Newport B	14	3	40
Shifnal C	14	3	36
Worfield B	14	4	35
Bowring C	14	2	29

Market Drayton Bowling League

Division 1

	P	W	P
Bridgewater A	140	92	2648
Woore A	140	96	2597
Malpas Spts A	140	77	2508
Hanmer A	140	75	2502
Adderley A	140	70	2499
Hodnet A	140	74	2496
Childs Ercall A	140	71	2437
Nantwich Pk Rd A	140	62	2374
District A	130	71	2359
Malpas Fmrs A	140	62	2315
Chester Rd A	140	52	2294
A W C	130	59	2221
Victoria A	140	39	1974

Division 2

	P	W	P
Ash A	150	107	2864
Prees B	150	90	2809
Wrenbury A	160	84	2808
Audlem A	150	95	2799
Joules Mkt Drayton A	150	80	2692
Bridgewater B	150	78	2646
Audlem B	150	77	2615
Con Club	150	72	2558
Whixall A	150	67	2522
Cheswardine A	150	74	2515
Hanmer B	160	55	2490
Calverhall A	150	60	2460
Malpas A	150	66	2445
Chester Rd B	150	55	2370

Division 3

	P	W	P
Wem A	150	88	2714
Tilstock B	150	85	2676
Malpas Spts B	150	80	2639
Norton in Hales A	150	77	2636
P/brockhurst	150	84	2612
Ash B	150	78	2610
Adderley B	150	70	2590
Prees C	150	72	2563
Whixall B	150	69	2555
Victoria B	150	72	2545
Wrenbury B	150	68	2496
Cholmondeley A	150	73	2482
Malpas Fmrs B	150	68	2471
District B	150	66	2456

Division 4

	P	W	P
Hanmer C	120	96	2301
Nantwich Pk Rd B	120	67	2133
Audlem C	120	60	2119
Wollerton A	120	59	2083
District C	120	59	2041
Whixall C	120	56	2012
Tilstock A	120	61	1981
Hodnet B	110	60	1891
Woore B	110	54	1876
Nantwich Pk Rd D	120	46	1821
Calverhall B	110	44	1771
Prees E	110	38	1692

Division 5

	P	W	P
Johnstown	110	99	2241
Bridgewater C	110	67	2020
Norton in Hales B	110	55	1838
Adderley C	110	54	1821
Chester Rd C	110	49	1813
Wollerton B	100	49	1732
Wrenbury C	110	49	1710
Cholmondeley B	110	44	1653
Malpas Fmrs C	100	42	1623
Cheswardine B	110	44	1598
Ash C	100	38	1584

Division 6

	P	W	P
Prees D	110	69	2014
Wem Albion	110	70	1998
Audlem D	110	69	1955
Joules Mkt Drayton B	110	64	1895
Childs Ercall B	110	61	1880
Chester Rd D	110	54	1800
Nantwich Pk Rd C	110	50	1770
Malpas B	110	49	1765
Victoria C	110	47	1726
Whixall D	100	40	1545
Calverhall C	110	27	1515

Homing returns

Clee Hill HS (Monmouth): D Taylor 927.4, 748.6, D Taylor 419.3. (Frome): R Etheridge 1549.5, 1548.7; D Taylor 1522.3, 1521.5, 1508.4, 1507.1.
Donnington (Bath): K & G Richards 1614.08; M & B Benting 1572.86; K & G Richards 1564.27; Mr & Mrs Horton 1549.99; K & G Richards 1539.08; M & B Benting 1397.64.
Ironbridge HS (Monmouth): J Marshall 1440.17, 1438.04, 1429.83, 1416.52, 1395.64; G Jarvis 1375.81.
Ludlow HS (Monmouth): E & C Pitt 1433, 1432, 1431, 1431, 1431, 1430.
St Georges FC (Bath): Mr & Mrs Horton 1609.88; S Plant 1490.79; Mr & Mrs Horton 1464.63; K Rhodes 1455.82, 1401.18, 1387.63.

Triumph and TVR sports cars are amongst a full entry for two days of competitive motor sport at Loton Park Hill Climb, near Shrewsbury, this coming weekend.
The two separate one-day events will see a wide range of classic, sports and racing cars competing against the clock up the tight and demanding parkland course, with a special invitation class for classic rally cars and Historic Marques taking part.
Members of organising club Hagley Car Club will be competing in their own Allswage Loton Park Championship, with the three classes being led by Shaun Howson (pictured), Mark Honey and Bob Ridge-Stearn.
Twelve Triumph cars will be taking part including TR8, Dolomite Sprint, TR4, GT6 and Vitesse examples, together with a dozen TVR sports cars including Griffith and Chimera models. The class for classic marques hosts a real mix of machines with Ginetta G4, Sunbeam Tiger, MG Midget, Jaguar E-Type, Fiat X19, Lotus 7 and Nissan 350Z competing.
County entrants include Dave Newell of Telford in a Mazda MX5, Tom Seymour of Bridgnorth in a Lotus Elise, Alex Harris of Harmer Hill in a Renault Clio, Mike Reece of Shrewsbury in a Subaru Impreza, Graham Godfrey of Tenbury Wells in an Audi TT, Andrew and Shaun Howson, of Rodington in a Westfield, Samantha Lester of Ludlow in a Van Diemen, Steve Morgan of Whittington in an Empire Evo and Graham Wynn of Shifnal in a Gould GR55.
The action starts at 9am each day with practice and qualifying in the morning, immediately followed by timed competition runs in programme order with full commentary. Loton Park Hill Climb is situated in the village of Alberbury, north west of Shrewsbury.

On-song Oswestry return to top spot

By Dave Cooper

A SENSATIONAL start put Oswestry on course for an emphatic nine wicket win against Sutton Coldfield at Morda Road that lifted the title chasers back to the top of the Birmingham Cricket League division two.

After opting to bat first, Sutton lost their first SIX wickets with just EIGHT runs on the board as Oswestry pacemen Sadaf Hussain and Roman Walker tore through the early order.

Walker started the rot when he bagged two wickets - including that of the visitors' danger man Lee Thomason - in his first over.

Hussain followed up by whipping out the next four batsmen in just two overs to leave the visitors in desperate trouble.

Opener Graham Clark weathered the storm, however, and with James Lunn giving him good support, it wasn't until the score reached 83 that the next wicket fell.

Clark was eventually last man out for a fine 76, as the innings closed on 116 all out. Hussain finished with 4-24, Walker 2-15 and left arm spinner Charlie Morris 3-19.

"That seventh-wicket stand was frustrating, but at least it showed that there was nothing much wrong with the wicket," said Oswestry skipper Robbie Clarke.

Oswestry lost Joe Carrasco early when they set out on their modest run chase, but Warrick Fynn (55no) and skipper Clarke (48no) saw them home without further mishap at 120-1.

With main rivals Fordhouses losing to Halesowen, Oswestry went back to the top of the table with a nine-point advantage.

Halesowen now provide Oswestry's next opposition this weekend, when the sides clash in the Black Country.

"A good result on Saturday will be a massive boost," said Clarke, "They'll be a tough nut to crack, but we beat them earlier in the season."

A century by former first-team skipper Ian Davies was the highlight for **OSWESTRY II** in a real thriller at Lichfield II in the Birmingham League 2nd XI (N), which the home side won off the last over.

Davies hit 105 and Ricky Martoccia 35 as Oswestry were bowled out for 202 off the last ball of the 50th over.

There were two wickets apiece for Ian Davies, Josh Darley and Matty Davies when Lichfield batted, but an unbeaten 67 by Tom Swift helped them reach their target at 203-7.

Oswestry's third string went down by four wickets to Wroxeter Grove III in a low-scoring Shropshire League division four encounter at Oswestry School.

Paul Phillips hit an unbeaten 56 to dominate the Oswestry innings of 109 all out.

But Wroxeter took the spoils as Roger Saxby's 43 not out steered them to 110-6 in reply. Oswestry's Ollie Roberts and Harry Darley both took 2-11, and Ryan Boyd 2-29.

Oswestry IV and their Bridgnorth counterparts battled with the elements before finally calling a halt at Morda Road in the Shropshire Sunday League division two.

The sides were on and off four times before play was abandoned with the visitors on 99-5. Stuart Owen took 2-10 and Harry Darley 2-22.

Oswestry II entertain Bridgnorth II at Morda Road on Saturday (12.30), when the thirds visit Coton Hall. The fourth team are away to Market Drayton III on Sunday.

Welshpool so close to upsetting the leaders

WELSHPOOL came agonisingly close to halting unbeaten leaders Bomere heath before losing by just two runs in a thrilling Henshalls Shropshire League division one encounter.

Fine bowling from Rob Pengelly (4-23) and Rob Anderson (3-15) gave Pool a real chance as they bowled out Bomere for a modest 131 in 43 overs at Maesdyre. Opener Adam Vanner top scored on 35.

The result was in the balance all the way through, with Matthew Knight making 46 and Russell Cadwallader unbeaten on 15 as they edged towards the target.

The encounter was decided off the last ball when tailender Allan Edward Williams was dramatically run out in sight of victory, leaving Pool with just eight points for their efforts to remain fifth in the table.

FRANKTON continue to languish close to relegation danger in the Shropshire League premier division after their 57-run loss to Wem at Hardwick Park.

Wem had posted 202-8 in 50 overs before dismissing Frankton for 145 in 46.5 overs, leaving the hosts with just five points and lying third bottom.

Wem had two innings of note in their total, opener Ned Abloom top scoring on 79 and Steve Blenkinsopp making 70. Abdullah Asif was in fine form with the ball in taking 4-32 off 10 overs, while also being involved in a run out.

In reply, Frankton fell well short despite 43 from skipper Ian Whitticase at the top of the order and Mark Lammie's 36 before being run out. James Astley picked up 3-22.

FRANKTON II's challenge in the 2nd XI League division one suffered a setback when going down to a five wicket loss against one of their chief rivals, Wem II.

Three batsmen got into the 30s, Jason Brookes top scoring with 32, as Frankton were kept in check in reaching 181-9 after their 45 overs, Mark Ellis taking 4-36.

Opener Josh Gosh (73) laid the foundations for Wem's victory with just over two overs remaining despite two wickets apiece for Will James (2-22) and Tom Cockayne (2-13).

Knights shine bright at Knockin

Club president Ian Haigh with the Knockin & Kinnerley Knights under-11s (from left) Jack Burston, Jack Tinney, Michael Carter, Ryan Darlington

KNOCKIN & Kinnerley Cricket Club is moving from strength to strength – largely down to its ever growing and very popular junior section.

Training every Monday night, the Knockin & Kinnerley Knights have seen significant growth from just 10 members seven years ago to well over 130 members signed up today.

The success story looks set to continue with the quality of the coaching sessions being improved by the purchase of new mats for their nets following a successful application to the Rotary Club of Oswestry's Mary Hignett Bequest Fund.

The new mats will provide a consistent and reliable surface for the junior members to practice and enhance their cricket skills, and junior cricket manager Gary Darlington was delighted with their successful application.

"The grant has enabled us to purchase better quality net matting which is heavily used by our junior members," he said.

"Our junior members will greatly benefit from better quality sessions and we are very grateful for the support of the Rotary Club and the Mary Hignett Bequest Fund."

In addition to the new matting, the club have put their old matting to good use by allowing fellow Shropshire club, Ellesmere, to acquire and use to further support the development of junior cricket across the north of the county.

Knockin & Kinnerley Cricket Club was established in 1862 and has played cricket at The Nursery Ground since 1954.

This season, the club runs four weekend league teams and two midweek league teams. There are also four junior sides at underr-15, under-13 and under-11 (two sides), and there is also a girls' team who have been entered into the Shropshire Lady Taverners competition.

Shropshire Cricket Lge fixture list at weekend

Saturday

Premier Division

Broseley v Ludlow; Quatt v Newtown; Market Drayton v Whitchurch; Madeley v Frankton; Worfield v Albrighton; St Georges v Wem

Division One

Knockin & Kinnerley v Cound; Montgomery v Alberbury; Wroxeter Grove v Forton; Lilleshall v Welshpool; Beacon v Shelton; Condover v Bomere Heath.

Division Two

Church Aston v Pontesbury; Allscott v Ellesmere; Willey v Wheaton Aston; Church Stretton v Wellington 3; Shrewsbury 3 v Bishop's Castle; Shifnal 3 v Prees.

Division Three

St Georges 3 v Harpers; Chelmarsh v Calverhall; Acton Reynald v Trysull & Seisdon; Corvedale v Iscoyd & Fenns Bank; Hodnet, Peplow & Tibberton v Ludlow 3 (at Hodnet); Much Wenlock v Cae Glas.

Division Four

Overton on Dee v Harcourt; Bridgnorth 3 v Allscott 2; Coton Hall v Oswestry 3; Quayside v Llanidloes; Guilsfield v Wroxeter Grove 3.

Second Teams

Division One

Wem 2 v St Georges 2; Frankton 2 v Madeley 2; Whitchurch 2 v Wroxeter Grove 2; Alberbury 2 v Quatt 2; Cound 2 v Knockin & Kinnerley 2; Shelton 2 v Worfield 2.

Division Two

Bomere Heath 2 v Lilleshall 2; Ludlow 2 v Broseley 2; Newtown 2 v Willey 2; Iscoyd & Fenns Bank 2 v Shifnal 4; Pontesbury 2 v Market Drayton 2; Albrighton 2 v Condover 2; Wellington 4 v Montgomery 2; Forton 2 v Beacon 2.

Division Three

Allscott 3 v St Georges 4; Bishops Castle 2 v Beacon 3; Cae Glas 2 v Much Wenlock 2; Ellesmere 2 v Quatt 3; Lilleshall 4 v Acton Reynald 2; Welshpool 2 v Corvedale 2.

Sunday

Division One

Sentinel 3 v Wem 3; Worfield 3 v Knockin & Kinnerley 3; Cound 3 v Whitchurch 3; Alberbury 3 v Frankton 3; Lilleshall 3 v Wellington 5; Bomere Heath 3 v Newport 3.

Division Two

Wellington 6 v Ludlow 4; Madeley 3 v Pontesbury 3; Knockin & Kinnerley 4 v Shrewsbury 4; Bridgnorth 4 v Madeley 4; Market Drayton 3 v Oswestry 4.

One-run loss as Ellesmere lose a thriller

ELLESMERE'S promotion hopes in the Henshalls Shropshire League division two took a dive as they suffered a tense one run defeat at home to Willey.

Put in to bat, Willey were limited to 157-9 from 40 overs, Glenn Edwards holding the innings together with 63 as George Duncan picked up 3-19 from eight overs. There were also two wickets apiece for Bradley Chapman (2-13) and Ashley Thomas (2-49).

Tristan Lloyd, batting at four, then hit 47 for Ellesmere, Troy Newton also weighing in with 28 but, in a tight finish, they were bowled out for 156 with two balls remaining to finish one run short.

Graham Ball was the pick of the bowlers with 3-26, while there were two victims for Kieron Hatton (2-28) and Glenn Edwards (2-22).

The Meresiders finished with just seven points to lose ground on the leaders.

Proctor is the all round star for Guilsfield

GUILSFIELD consolidated their position among the leading pack in the Shropshire League division four after sweeping aside Quayside by 61 runs helped by Chris Proctor's efforts with both bat and ball.

Opener Proctor chipped in with 29 as the Mid Wales visitors posted a challenging 197-9 in their 40 overs, with Dave Lewis (42) and Gary Meredith (31) also making strong contributions.

Shrewsbury side Quayside then struggled in reply, finishing on 136-7 as Proctor impressed with the ball in taking 4-36, while Neil Williams top scored on 42.

Third placed **KNOCKIN & KINNERLEY** went down to a seven wicket away to Shelton in division one to lost ground on the leaders.

Put in to bat, they were bowled out for 166 in the 41st over, before the Shrewsbury hosts knocked off the runs with time to spare.

Edward Nicholas top scored with 57 for Knockin, but Shelton got home thanks to 64 fro skipper Mark Davies despite Jamie Jagger's 2-31.

Glas lose again as the cracks starting to show

CRICKET by John Bridgwater

CAE GLAS suffered another setback in their promotion pursuit from the Henshalls Shropshire League division three after slumping to a 69-run loss at Iscoyd & Fenns Bank.

After suffering a fifth defeat in their last six outings, the Glas now find themselves in fifth position, and 18 points off the promotion places.

Opting ot bat first, Fenns Bank rattled up an imposing 224-7 from their 40 overs, Tom Lea hitting 71 before being run out and Duncan Wright 62, while Ian Holgate was the most successful of the bowlers with 3-61.

Despite 43 from opener Holgate and George Candler's 33. the Glas were restricted to 155-8 in reply to emerge with just six points.

After heavy rain the evening before, the Fenns Bank wicket looked very green so it was a surprise that the home side, after winning the toss, elected to bat.

The opening ball of the innings from Dave Edwards then took the games first wicket and the hosts were forced to build runs patiently over the next 16 overs against some tight bowling from Andy Hughes (1-25 in eight overs) and Edwards (1-29 in eight overs).

However Duncan Wright, having seen off the opening bowlers, then took the game to Cae Glas scoring a well crafted 62 before falling to Holgate's leg spin.

The momentum was then maintained by the home side with Tom Wynne (36) and Tommy Lea, who scored a rapid 71 before being brilliantly run out by Danny Percy. This ensured Fenns Bank set a decent target, ending on 224-7.

Holgate finished with 3-62 and Matty Coulson also chipped in with a wicket.

Having chased down a similar target a few weeks ago, Cae Glas started well in their innings with Andy Griffiths (19) and Holgate putting on an opening partnership of 54 to build a solid platform for the rest of the innings. However, a middle order wobble saw a further three wickets go down for just 22 runs, and put paid to any chance of securing victory.

Skipper George Candler chipped away with 33 and Matt Coulson and Dave Edwards took the score to 155-8 to secure an additional batting point.

Holgate capped off a fine all round performance top scoring with 43 to add to his three wicket haul.

The Glas will need to bounce back from successive defeats when they take on Much Wenlock away on Saturday.

CAE GLAS II found form with the bat - but their efforts were not enough to prevent defeat at home to **WELSHPOOL II** in the 2nd XI League division three.

It has been a tough campaign for the Glas, who are languishing in basement trouble, but they could take heart from a creditable run chase at Gatacre.

Asked to bat first, Welshpool rattled up a daunting 255-6 in their 40 overs, Mat Sherwood and Tom Bowen both making 60, the latter his maiden half century, while Jordan Harding top scored with an unbeaten 67.

Shaun Southern picked up 2-30 from his eight overs, and there were also a brace of wickets for Nige Evans (2-53), but their efforts could not prevent their visitors from clubbing a string of straight boundaries. Cae Glas started steadily with Nige Evans making 37, while Andy Kemp almost batted through for a superb 89 as the Ellesmere bowlers were kept at bay.

Acceleration was provided by Gareth Edgerton (57), whose knock included a huge six deep into cow corner. However, the Glas ended up 30 runs short on 225-4, leaving them to rue missed chances in the field. For Welshpool, Jack Windsor was the pick of the bowlers with 3-42.

Early cup shock sees TNS beaten in final

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

THE New Saints missed out on some pre-season silverware after slipping to a 1-0 defeat to Shawbury United in the final of the Shropshire Senior Cup at Whitchurch's Yockings Park.

Liam Armstrong scored the only goal in the eighth minute, while the Saints' hopes of retrieving the game were hit when reduced to 10 men four minutes into the second half as midfielder Tom Holland picked up his second yellow card.

After making a slow start, TNS - despite a man down - went on to dominate the second period, but were denied by some determined defence and excellent goalkeeping from Matthew Ballard.

They had gone into the final in good heart after their 14-1 mauling of a young AFC Telford side in the semi final, but soon found themselves trailing as Armstrong made his way into the box, set himself up before slotting past keeper Andy Wycherley.

Midlands League premier division side Shawbury continued to create chances as they took the game to the Welsh Premier champions.

TNS perked up after the break, Adrian Cieslewicz breaking down the left before seeing his shot saved by Ballard in the Shawbury goal.

However, on 49 minutes, Holland somewhat harshly received his marching orders for a second yellow following a foul leaving TNS down to 10 men.

Both sides created chances during the second period, with Greg Draper scooping over from close-range following a corner, Chris Seargeant also going close while Robbie Parry hit the bar with a long range effort.

Vital goal

Despite their efforts, TNS were unable to grab that vital goal as Shawbury celebrated lifting the trophy at the final whistle.

Meanwhile, The New Saints Ladies went down 2-0 to a well organised Abervagenny Ladies in a game played at Morda United's Weston Road ground.

BERRIEW maintained their encouraging pre-season with an excellent 2-1 success away to Ellesmere Rangers thanks to goals from last term's top scorer Rich Davies and Matt Bumford.

Josh Astley scored twice as LLANFAIR United overcame Tywyn Bryncrug 4-2 in a friendly on the 3G at Latham Park, Paul Griffiths and Phil Hughes also finding the net.

Llanrhaeadr, who led 3-1 against Ruthin Town, ended up losing 5-3 while their reserves finished 2-2 with their Ruthin counterparts with goals from Connor Lloyd and Tom Mann earning a share of the spoils.

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Morda United, who play in the Montgomeryshire League division one, are keen to welcome potential new players to join their next training evening on Thursday.

A warm welcome is offered to the session being run at Morda's Weston Road pitch by experienced manager and club stalwart Colin Turner commencing at 6:30pm.

Town taste pre-season defeat at the seaside

DAN Tinsley was again on the mark for FC Oswestry Town - but the North West Counties League side ended up losing 3-1 at Porthmadog in a pre-season encounter at the Traeth.

All the goals came in the first half with the visitors starting the game in lively fashion before Port got into their stride with Julian Williams having an early shot blocked and Joe Chaplin's angled shot went across goal and wide.

Town responded with Lee Phelan going close and the same player's free kick a minute later had to be scrambled clear.

But, after 13 minutes, Porthmadog took the lead when Julian Williams cut the ball back from the byline into the path of Chaplin whose angled shot beat Mike Jones in the visitors' goal.

The Cymru Alliance hosts doubled the lead three minutes later when a super strike from Leon Doran from wide on the right flew past Mke Jones and high into the corner of the net.

Oswestry hit back on 22 minutes when good play down the right saw a cross from dangerman Joe Newton which was met by Tinsley to rise unchallenged to head past Tyler French.

Two minutes before the interval, they restored their two goal margin when Ifan Emlyn lifted a measured pass ove the Oswestry defence for Julian Williams to latch on to before turning the ball wide of the keeper.

A few days before, FC Oswestry survived a second half fightback to defeat Spar Mid Wales League side Llanidloes Town 4-3 in a friendly at Park Hall.

Double sponsor boost for Saints

Andrew Faulks of Stans Superstore with St Martins chairman Terry Ellis

TWO more sponsors are on board at St Martins FC who are gearing up for the start of the new West Midlands League division one season on Saturday.

General manager Craig Rogers commented: "We are delighted to welcome Hartey Wealth Management (HWM) to sponsoring us at the club. I have known Karl (Hartey) for a number of years now and I was delighted when he agreed to become our man-of-the-match sponsor for the season.

"Stans Superstore have provided the club with sponsorship over many seasons and we are delighted to see that continue. Andrew (Faulks) of Stans is a football fan and wants to see us do well.

"Both businesses are excellent in supporting their local community, not only ourselves. In tough times for grass root football, that needs to be applauded."

Any clubs interested in sponsorship packages at St Martins Football Club can contact Craig on 07843-659955.

St Martins chairman Terry Ellis with Karl Hartey of Hartey Wealth Management

Latest golf returns from Shropshire golf clubs

HAWKSTONE PARK

Sandy Lyle Trophy: Keith Salt 81-13c=68; Lance Ollerenshaw 76- 7c=69; James Benson 84-15c=69.

Ladies' Sandy Lyle Trophy: Jade Conlon 92 -19c=73; Carys Tune 97– 23c=74; Pamela Hiles 94–19c=75.

Agnes Lyle Trophy: Molly Moore nett 71; Val Jones-Roberts nett 73; Dale Benbow nett 79.

HENLLE PARK

Dave Salter's 9 Hole Comp: Andrew Eaton 22pts; John Humphreys 19pts (cb); Mike Holt 19pts.

Captain's Day: Jonathan Humphries 40pts; Pete Denham 39pts; Michael A Jones 38pts. Nearest the Pin in 2: Carl Thomas.

Men's Open: Mike A Jones & Ian Harris (Henlle Park) 47pts; D Northcote & S Hume (Vicars Cross) 46pts (cb); Wes Rolfe (Henlle Park) & Chris Kendal (Vicars Cross) 46pts. Nearest the Pin: Andy Hardy (Henlle Park). Longest Drive: Luke Parry (Moss Valley).

Dave Salter 9 Holes Comp: Pete Cartwright 22pts; D S Jones 21pts; Mike A Jones 20pts.

Ladies: Anne-Marie Stott 35pts (cb); Viv Davies 35pts; Pam Tattersall 30pts (cb). Nearest the Pin: Dawn Lawlor. Longest Drive: Pam Tattersall. Guest Prize: Chris Wythe 33pts.

July Medal: Ellie Potts nett 65; Pam Tattersall nett 70; Doreen Nicol nett 76.

Seniors' Mike Aubrey Trophy 3 Clubs and Putter: Alan Edwards 39pts; Roger Harris 37pts; Robin Powell 36pts (cb); Alam James 36pts. Nearest the Pin in 2: Phil Wilkinson. Nearest the Rope: John Bostock.

123 Stableford: Russ Owens, Ralph Mazzarella & Ali Wright 71pts (cb); John Bostock, J B Evans & Frank Thomas 71pts; Paul Hampson, Chris Clarke & Tony Davies 68pts.

OSWESTRY

Men's Invitation Four-ball Better-Ball Stableford: Paul Huxley & Gareth Huxley 47pts; Gavin Wright & Scott Smith 46pts; Simon Grindley & John McKay 45pts; Mick Dearing & Craig Dearing 45pts.

Ladies' AM AM Open Stableford (Away Players): Kathy Evans, Jill Andrews, Des Davies (Henlle Park) 84pts; Connie Figari, Jan Peter, Sue Rowles (Childwall) 79pts (cb). (Home Players/Guests): Pam McLean, Di Jones, Debbie Fell 84pts.

THE BROW

Captain's Day Winner: Peter Fairbank 86-22=64 (on back 9). Best Gross: Mike Clark 74. Division 1: Brian Stuttard 82-13=69; Garry Gregory 82-11=71; Division 2: Terry Brough 83-18=65; David Talbot 91-25=66.

Texas Scramble: Terry Brough, Graham Peterson & Mike Clark 30-2.6= 27.4; Peter, Pauline & Karl Fairbank 31-2.75=28.25; Trevor Williams, Peter Morris & Peter Barker 31-2.25=28.75.

Williams on target with win No15

IN-FORM Steve Williams chalked up another successful night as Church A kept up the title pressure in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division two with a home victory over Llangynog A

Williams was one of five single figure victors for the hosts with a 21-4 card, making it 15 wins out of 16 outings this season to fly high at the top of the second division averages.

Steve Lewis (21-2) was the best of the night in the 8-2 victory over Llangynog, but Church - who had gone into the match joint top - are a point off the pace as title rivals Cynwyd A were 9-1 (165-99) winners over **CHURCH B.**

That defeat left the Church's second string deep in basement danger, just five points off table propping **WHITTINGTON B.** Peter Adams notched the consolation for the visitors with a 21-18 success.

Whittington B found themselves well beaten 9-1 (156-93) away to GEORGE who eased their basement fears with Merv Roberts and Andy Knott both winning to six, while Brian Sinker (21-9) was the lone reply for the visitors.

Third placed **LLANRHAEDR A** stayed in touching distance of the leaders after their 8-2 (160-140) beating of visitors Plas Kynaston A, Mark Evans taking the coppers to 11 while Steve Jones was a 21-13 winner.

WESTON RHYN A, lying one place behind, lost ground on the leaders after their hard-fought 6-4 (145-115) home victory over **YE OLDE CROFTE A.**

Andrew Riley continued his excellent season for Rhyn with a 21-7 victory, making it 13 wins in 14 appearance, while Richard Oakley won to three and Derek Taylor to eight.

ELLSEMERE A were stopped in their tracks as they slumped 8-2 (160-133) at home to Criftins B, Doug McCoy and Regina McCoy their two winners, both to 17.

Six of best as Guils hit the goal trail

ASA Hamilton was again among the goals as Guilsfield flexed their muscles ahead of the coming season in the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance with a 6-1 hammering of Ellesmere Rangers.

The striker, a new recruit from Buckley Town, has been in terrific form in pre-season, and showed his eye for goal with four more goals.

Iwan Matthews, a new signing from Llanrhaeadr, also found the net along with Jack Richards as the Guils geared up for a testing friendly away to Bala Town on Wednesday.

Boss Nathan Leonard was particularly happy with the performance as he went into the game with a much changed backline.

A few days before, Guilsfield continued their creditable pre-season campaign with a 3-1 success against **ST MARTINS** at Clos Mytton.

St Martins were also defeated in their next friendly, slipping to a 4-1 defeat to Gresford Athletic, Dave Easthope firing a leveller in the first half.

Black Lion roar on with emphatic win

BOWLS by John Bridgwater

BLACK LION are roaring on as they maintained their promotion push in the Oswestry and District Bowling League division three with a 9-1 (157-108) hammering of Chirk B.

Mike Jones proved too hot to handle, winning to six to register his 13th win in 15 outings, while Karl Adams (21-8) was another impressive single figure winner for the home side. Andrew Jones also won 21-17 to record his 14th win of the campaign.

Victory sees Black Lion in good shape in second spot, three points adrift of leaders Ceiriog Valley C who powered on with a 10-0 (169-89) whitewash of **ELLESMERE B.**

Mike Haycocks (21-7) bagged his 12th win of the season as **FOX LANE** cemented their top six place with a 7-3 beating of visitors Ceiriog Valley B, taking the aggregate 144-126.

Promotion chasing **IFTON** were narrowly beaten 7-3 away to **LLANRHAEADR C** in division four, losing the aggregate by seven shots (136-128).

Gareth Williams took the coppers for the St Martins side by winning to three while John Davies (21-8) was the best for Llan.

■ **WHITTINGTON A** swept aside visiting Johnstown A 8-2 and by 28 shots (146-118) to boost hopes of climbing into the top half of the division one table.

Aled Davies led the way with a 21-7 card, his 11th victory of the season, and Mervyn Davies secured a 21-10 success.

Ben Hampson continues to impress, chalking up his 12th victory in 14 outings when prevailing 21-11.

Defending champions Ceiriog Valley tightened their grip at the top after hammering one of their chief rivals Chirk A 9-1 (165-127) at home to move 10 points clear.

Llangollen, with a game in hand, kept up the pressure in second spot with a 6-4 verdict at Ruabon A, taking the aggregate by six shots (141-135).

LLANYMYNECH A are joint third with Chirk following their closely-fought 7-3 (149-136) reverse away to **CRIFTINS A.**

James Candlin continued his impressive form by winning to 14 - his 13th success of the campaign - while best of the night was Kieran Jones who prevailed 21-11 for his 10th victory of the season.

Paul Smith (21-18) was the other winning card for the visitors while Gary Wilke (21-11) was the pick of the home bowlers as the Dudleston Heath side moved away from the basement pack.

Men's team net fine win

OSWESTRY men's second team recorded a 3-1 victory against local rivals Criftins to consolidate third spot in the Shropshire Tennis Doubles League division 5N.

In the first round rubbers, captain Dave Clough and partner Brett Hollywell, won in straight sets 6-4, 6-3 against the opposing first pair.

The second pair of Nick Elliott and partner Richard Hann won 6-3, 2-6, (10-8) with Oswestry two rubbers to the good.

In the reverse rubbers, Clough and Hollywell won 6-0, 6-0, but Elliott and Hann succumbed to the Criftins' first pair 2-6, 0-6.

LLANFAIR IRKED AT CLUB U-TURN

FOOTBALL by John Bridgwater

LLANFAIR United boss Rhys Stephens admits newly-promoted Rhayader Town's shock decision to pull out of the Huws Gray Cymru Alliance on the eve of the season has left a bitter taste.

Despite finishing fourth bottom in the Cymru Alliance last season, Llanfair were relegated at the expense of Rhayader who were formally accepted into the league at the annual general meeting in June.

Their withdrawal means that the Alliance will be operating with just 15 clubs next season - and Llanfair will be playing a level below in the Spar Mid Wales League division one.

Rhayader officials put the reason for their decision down to a lack of players and the burden of travelling, but Stephens was unhappy with the situation.

"Right from the end of last season they had doubts whether they could compete in the Cymru Alliance, but they gambled that they could get something sorted in time for the start of the season," he said.

"It has left a bitter taste as we finished fourth from bottom last season, which was a great achievement for a club like ours, and we were unfortunate to go down.

"People blame the system, but the only ones to blame for this situation are Rhayader. The sad thing about this is that it is not a shock."

Llanfair will not accept an 11th hour return to the Cymru Alliance after the loss of key players Joe Vaughan (Llanrhaeadr), James Davies (Cefn Druids) and Marc Jones (Berriew) has now weakened their hand.

Instead, they will focus on the Spar Mid Wales League in which they expect to promote some of last season's treble winning youth side, as well as signing some locally based players.

"We'll be playing in the Spar League next season, and will be doing our best to get out of it. But we won't be doing it at all costs," added Stephens.

Explaining their decision to quit, Rhayader issued a statement, saying: "This is a decision that hasn't been taken lightly, and we have explored every avenue to try and fulfil our commitments.

"For several seasons, travelling commitments in this league have become a burden and this year it has come to a head, with the realisation that players do not want to travel what can be 324 mile round trips to play a game of football.

"We apologise to all the clubs that our decision has affected, but we will come back stronger and accept any punishment that the league and FAW sanction.

"Whatever happens we will still be playing football this season."

Charlie chuffed with a bronze

Titans swimmer Charlie Hutchinson with his European Youth Olympic Festival bronze medal

CHARLIE Hutchinson reflected on his "nothing to lose" mentality after claiming a swimming medal for Team GB in the European Youth Olympic Festival at Gyor 2017.

The 15-year-old Ellesmere College Titans swimmer continued his fine form by producing a terrific performance to take bronze in the 400m individual medley in Hungary.

Hutchinson opted for a gutsy strategy of going out hard in the first 200m, and the move paid dividends as he touched home in third with a time of 4mins 25.90secs.

The race was won by Apostles Papastamos of Greece in 4:21:92, and second was Russia's Danil Zaitsev who clocked 4:23:99.

"I know I'm stronger in the first half of the medley but I also know that the other guys would be good in the back half so I went out hard and thought I had nothing to lose," said Hutchinson.

"It's taken a while for us swimmers to get into the week but it's great to say that I'm the first medallist. It's a really good feeling. The atmosphere has been amazing and walking out and hearing all my team cheering me was great.

"This really caps off the week but I've still got the 200m backstroke to come so I'll be targeting a medal in that one. I'm ranked second so hopefully I can pick up another medal.

"The team here have all be amazing. We're like a little family out here and it's great fun."

Ruscoe and Evans take over at TNS

CLUB stalwart Scott Ruscoe has been handed the manager's role at Welsh Premier champions The New Saints on a permanent basis with Steve Evans his assistant.

The pair were favourites for the job after taking over in an interim capacity for the Champions League following Craig Harrison's departure to Hartlepool United at the end of May.

Now, with the new season just over a week away, the long serving TNS duo - both highly successful players with the club - have been confirmed permanent replacements.

Ruscoe is relishing the challenge along with his old team-mate Evans as the Saints chase a seventh successive Welsh Premier crown this season, and 12th title in all.

"I've been with the club since 2001 and this is a very proud moment for me," said 39-year-old Ruscoe. "There's always pressure when you take over a new job, but there's no reason why the club shouldn't be as successful or even more successful in the future.

"Both Steve and myself are winners, we want to win every game, and there is a great togetherness and hunger in the squad.

'We'll do everything to keep the club moving forward. I think with the squad we have, plus one or two additions, we will keep going in the right direction.

"I've done everything during my time at the club, both as a player and off the pitch, I've been head of youth, assistant manager, interim manager and I'm delighted to have been confirmed as full-time manager."

Ruscoe, who hopes to be selected for the mandatory UEFA Pro Licence course later this year, is one of the most prominent midfielders in the history of the Welsh Premier. With the Saints, he won the league championship eight times, the Welsh Cup four times and the League Cup five times .

TNS, who visited Leicester City on Wednesday for a pre-season outing, will take on a Wolves XI at Park Hall in their

Welshpool marking 50 years at dinner

WELSHPOOL Rugby Club are staging a special dinner in September to mark its 50th anniversary since reforming.

The club was originally launched in 1926 but, having stopped playing for a time, was reformed in 1967 with the first fixture taking place on Saturday, September 2 against Builth Wells.

To commemorate the milestone, the club will hold a celebratory dinner at the Welshpool Livestock Sales Restaurant on Sunday, September 10, with special guest speaker Sean Holley, the Scrum V pundit and former coach with Bristol RFC, Ospreys, Scarlets and Wales.

Tickets for the dinner cost £40 per person, and can be booked through the club website - www.welshpoolrfc.co.uk - or by emailing gwcymru1@aol.com

High flying Oswestry to keep focus

HAVING returned to top of the table, Oswestry's cricketers will be out to keep their rivals at an arm's length when they travel to the Black Country to take on Halesowen in a vital encounter on Saturday (midday).

The Morda Road side were in ruthless form as they stormed to a nine wicket win over Sutton Coldfield, taking them nine points clear at the summit in the Birmingham League division two.

Skipper Robbie Clarke, however, won't be taking anything for granted against a Halesowen side who, 40 points adrift of Oswestry in third place, defeated previous leaders Fordhouses last weekend.

But he knows another win this weekend will see his side tighten their grip on the promotion chase with games fast running out.

"A good result on Saturday will be a massive boost," said Clarke, "They'll be a tough nut to crack, but we beat them earlier in the season."

Oswestry proved too hot to handle for Sutton Coldfield last weekend and at one stage had their visitors reeling on 8-6 as pacemen Sadaf Hussain (4-24) and Roman Walker (2-15) tore through the early order.

Despite a revival, the visitors could only muster 116 all out, with left arm spinner Charlie Morris wrapping thins up with 3-19.

Warrick Fynn (55no) and skipper Clarke (48no) then saw Oswestry to a comfortable nine wicket win.

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Former Oswestry batsman Joe Clarke hammered a superb 124 not out to help Worcestershire to an eight-wicket win over Durham in the T20 Blast.

Set a target of 202 for victory, the Pears made light of the chase as Clarke smashed eight sixes and 12 fours in his knock that took just 53 balls to see his side home with 11 balls to spare.

Guils delighted as TMS keeper joins

GUILSFIELD boss Nathan Leonard was delighted to bring TNS keeper Andy Wycherley to Clos Mytton on loan - but admitted it was a difficult decision releasing club stalwart Dave Littleford.

"It was tough as Dave has been a great keeper for the club and has been a great asset," said Leonard, whose side open their Cymru Alliance campaign at Rhyl a week on Saturday.

"He has been a great help to me, and on behalf of all the players and everyone at the club I want to say a big thankyou for everything he has done.

"But I couldn't turn down the chance of bringing in a top young keeper like Andy, who is a massive signing for us."

Wycherley, 19, a product of the TNS academy where Leonard is a coach, has impressed in the limited first team appearances he has made, but has been kept on the sidelines by the presence of club captain Paul Harrison.

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